



THE DEAN TRUST

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to provide you with a summary of what we are doing in school to manage coronavirus. We would also like to share some advice from Public Health England about what simple steps each of us can take at this time.

What we are doing in school

- Encouraging all staff and pupils to keep high levels of personal hygiene. This includes washing hands:
 - before leaving home
 - after using the toilet
 - before food preparation
 - before leaving school
 - on arrival to school
 - after break and sporting activities
 - before eating any food
- In addition to our normal cleaning routines, we are regularly cleaning frequent contact points e.g. door handles, computer keyboards etc.
- Having hand sanitiser in classrooms and around the school for our pupils and staff to use. Pupils are also allowed to bring in their own hand sanitiser.
- Regularly reminding our pupils and staff of sensible behaviour and choices:
 - always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Bin the tissue and wash your hands or use a sanitiser gel.
 - wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitizer gel if soap and water are not available.
 - avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

including the Public Health Guidance of 'Catch it, Kill it, Bin it.'

What to do if you have symptoms

NHS England has advised that if a person has the symptoms of:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

then that person should remain at home for 7 days. The person is also advised to not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them you're staying at home. They will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms.

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Reporting an absence to school

Please follow normal procedures in informing the school about your child's absence making it clear that your child is 'self-isolating' due to possible infection. This will help us in our management of the virus.

If your child feels better after 7 days and no longer has a temperature, they can return to school.

If symptoms get worse during your child's 'self-isolation' then seek medical advice from NHS online <https://111.nhs.uk> or telephone NHS 111.

Other useful contact details

Department for Education coronavirus helpline 0800 046 8687. Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday), 10am to 4pm (Saturday to Sunday)

Updates on COVID-19: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Our communication with you

Whilst there is a lot of information and opinion being shared about coronavirus, particularly on social media, we will only consider, respond to and share information with you which is provided by Public Health England and NHS England.

At the time of writing, it is our intention to keep our schools open and have a 'business as usual' approach.

Should this change, or should we have any updates, then we will communicate with you electronically and via our school websites www.thedeantrust.co.uk

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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