

11 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the information in my newsletter please find below further information about the Coronavirus.

Advice to students

In school this week we have shared information with students about Coronavirus and focused on how they can minimise the risk of infection. In particular we have talked to them about the importance of following good hygiene habits to reduce the chance of transmission. This has focused on how to wash hands correctly, catching sneezes and coughs in a tissue and avoiding touching your face. We have asked students to wash their hands regularly throughout the school day and before eating any food. Please reinforce these messages at home.

In school we have soap dispensers in all toilet areas and in a number of classrooms where hands need to be washed regularly. Hand sanitiser with an alcohol level of 70% is available in a number of locations in the school building.

Students with cold or flu symptoms

I am aware that NHS advice to members of the public could change, but current advice is that you should ring 111 if you:

- Think you might have coronavirus
- You have been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus in the last 14 days or
- You have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus

You will be advised on whether or not your child needs to self-isolate be tested or if it is ok for them to continue to attend school as normal. Please follow this advice and keep school informed.

School trips

We have a number of school trips planned between now and the end of the Easter holiday. At this stage there is no reason that these trips shouldn't run as planned but we will continue to monitor this situation. We will keep parents and carers fully informed if we make a decision to cancel any of the planned trips.

Families who have been or are travelling abroad

As we approach the Easter holiday I would like to remind students and families who have returned to the UK from abroad that they should follow the most up to date advice from the government on steps to take. Information about this can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public#returning-travellers>

Advice is also available through the NHS 111 phone number and website.

Please keep school informed if you are advised by health professionals to self-isolate after returning from another country.

Updates

Information from the City of York Council and the Department for Education is updated on a regular basis and we are following this advice and will continue to keep you informed of any further developments.

I appreciate that this a concerning time for many people but please be assured that we are being kept well informed of any new developments and will respond appropriately to these.

Thank you for your continued support at this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Hewitt', written in a cursive style.

Dave Hewitt
Headteacher