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Dear Parents

Coronavirus Advice for Schools

Warwickshire County Council have asked us to pass on the following information concerning the Coronavirus outbreak:

The Education department are being guided by the experts at Public Health England who have established stringent criteria for how schools should respond during the Coronavirus outbreak.

For now, we are trying to maintain business as usual and keep disruption to our children's learning to a minimum. However, the health and safety of the children, staff and wider community has to be our priority and we have to play our part in preventing the spread of the virus.

Warwickshire County Council have advised schools to signpost their communities to wider public health advice:

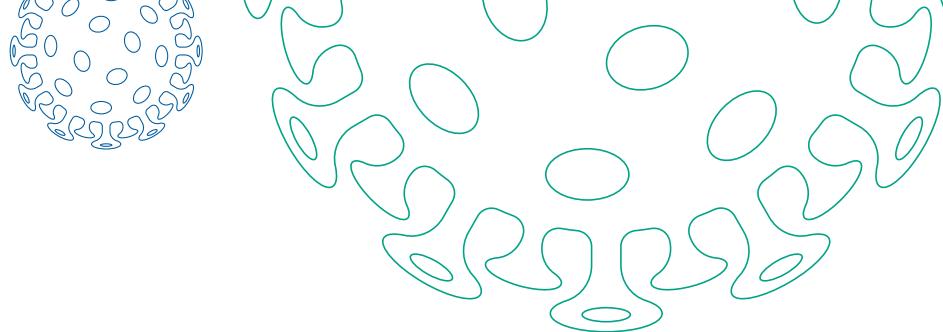
- General information is available on <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>
- There is a public helpline 0800 0468687 and an email line DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk. These are open from 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

Materials and information from the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' campaign are available on from <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101/resources/5016>.

An advice sheet from Public Health England is printed on the back of this letter.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation. I appreciate how unsettling this is but trust that everyone will follow the professional advice.

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Headteacher



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items
such as bedding, dishes,
pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans
for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19).

Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.



If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately