

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure that you are aware of the current situation around the Coronavirus. I want to reassure you that we are following the government guidance and monitoring the situation carefully. The link to access the current government guidance is:

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

The current guidance stresses the importance of washing hands regularly and effectively. This means washing them for 20 seconds with soap & water. We have spoken to our students several times about this and I urge you to do the same.

At the present time the government is not suggesting that schools close and we hope to avoid this. If there is any change in this situation, we will contact you directly and put information on our website.

As a precaution we are postponing all trips and activities that take place outside Leicester. We will contact you individually if your son/daughter has already signed up for any of these.

The Department of Education have a helpline up and running to answer questions about COVID19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 or email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

We have been reassuring our students that although the virus is a serious issue, there is no need to be unduly alarmed. There are currently no cases in Leicester. We want our students to keep calm and go about their daily lives. I would urge you to discuss the situation with your children and also provide reassurance. We have also explained to students the importance of listening to reputable organisations, including the government, for information and ignoring social media rumours.

Thank you for your support, with this difficult issue. If you have any concerns please contact the school.

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