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Dear Parent/Carer

The Corvus Learning Trust is working closely with all four of our schools regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are aware that these are very concerning times and each day we are receiving new advice and guidance. We are keen to reassure our students, staff and parents that we are taking the situation incredibly seriously and that we will continue to share information across our community of schools in a timely and clear manner. The health and wellbeing of our students and staff will always be our top priority.

The Trust continues to develop procedures to look after students both in school and in the event of any necessary closures. Individual schools will continue to release further details as appropriate for the specific needs of the students and the school. The leaders of each Trust school are in constant communication to ensure a consistent and considered approach to this unprecedented situation.

As you will be aware, the government has issued new advice. This can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

For school, this means if your child has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, they must stay at home and not leave the house for 7 days from when their symptoms started. These symptoms are:

- new continuous cough (defined by local Public Health as a continuous cough that doesn't stop throughout the day), and/or high temperature
- high temperature (a normal temperature for children is around 36.4C)

The NHS advice is to self-isolate for 7 days and not to go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home unless the situation persists beyond 7 days or your symptoms become serious. The NHS website provides tips for staying at home should you find yourself needing to self-isolate.

At present, unless otherwise advised by Public Health England, only the family member who is exhibiting symptoms needs to self-isolate. Other family members are still expected to attend school. If a family member has a confirmed diagnosis all those in contact should be isolated.

You will be aware that the government has advised all schools to cancel trips abroad. Where this impacts on individual children, we will be in contact.



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Finally, all staff and students are frequently reminded to wash their hands regularly (using soap and water or alcohol sanitiser); cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue; avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

1. before leaving home
2. on arrival at school
3. after using the toilet
4. after sporting activities
5. before eating any food, including snacks

These are exceptional times, please take care of yourselves, your family and others.

Yours faithfully,

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