



## Jessop Stockwell Federation

Lead Headteacher: Ms A.Parker

Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to outline our precautionary measures on the schools' management of COVID-19 Coronavirus, as guided by Public Health England.

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. Typical symptoms of coronavirus include fever and a cough that may progress to a severe pneumonia causing shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. Generally, coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China.

As of Monday, 2nd March, the risk to the UK is moderate.

The Department of Health are tightly monitoring the activity of this virus and through Local Authorities, are updating Headteachers on a daily basis on the progress of this information.

### What we will do

- Put a risk assessment in place to support staff in keeping our environments safe (see attached)
- Keep you updated as and when necessary
- Keep abreast of any developments
- Keep a log and effectively monitor and manage, using the guidance from Public Health England, any pupil/staff activity that may put others at risk, should we be provided with the correct information to do so
- Follow guidance on cleaning
- High risk countries below:

Mainland China	Hong Kong	Macao	Cambodia	Iran
Northern Italy	Japan	Laos	Malaysia	Myanmar
Singapore	South Korea	Taiwan	Thailand	Vietnam

### What the school expects from you

- Keep yourselves informed
- Practice healthy hygiene rules (catch it, bin it, kill it)
- Inform the school should you travel to any of the high risk countries outlined in this letter and any further updated places as reported by Public Health England
- To have an awareness of the impact we pose on each other to practice healthy hygiene rules and support the sensible management of information amongst our community.

### What the school will not do

- Promote the use of masks or allow children to wear them
- Close the school, for any reason, without instruction from Public Health England



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### **Symptoms of coronavirus**

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a cough
- a high temperature
- shortness of breath

But these symptoms do not necessarily mean you have the illness.

The symptoms are similar to other illnesses that are much more common, such as cold and flu.

### **How to avoid catching or spreading germs**

There are things you can do to help stop viruses like coronavirus spreading.

#### **Do**

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

#### **Don't**

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

### **Check if you need medical help**

NHS 111 has an online coronavirus service that can tell you if you need medical help and advise you what to do.

Use this service if:

- you think you might have coronavirus
- in the last 14 days you've been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus – see above
- you've been in close contact with someone with coronavirus

### **Use the 111 coronavirus service**

Information:

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. Call 111 if you need to speak to someone.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms A. Parker

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Parker'.

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