



Learning
Community Trust

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you of the steps the Trust and our schools are taking to follow all of the advice and guidance from the Department of Education and Public Health England as a result of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak. We receive daily updates from the Department of Education and we are following their advice and monitoring the situation locally with the Local Authority.

The guidance we have received at this stage is focussed on preventing the spread of infection and therefore we have ensured the following:-

Cleaning – all our cleaning teams are deep cleaning key areas of maximum contact each day to keep our buildings as clean as possible and making sure we reduce risk of any infection.

Soap – we have good supplies in all key areas and dispensers are replenished on a regular basis.

Handwashing – encouraging children and staff are washing their hands often, using soap and water especially after using the toilet, before eating food and after sporting activities.

Trips and visits – we are reviewing all planned trips and visits that will be going out in the next few weeks. We will continue to take advice from health care professionals about whether they are suitable for the children to attend.

All our staff across our schools are following our advice and ensuring they are fit and well to attend work, we have no staff who recently visited any of the countries deemed to be at serious risk.

The advice is that if you are worried about your symptoms or that of your child please call NHS 111 or telephone your GP but the advice is not to go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment. Please inform your child's school immediately if your child is unwell and you are seeking advice from a health professional. We understand that Shropshire NHS Community Trust are installing drive through test centres and this information be released imminently to the public.

The government's advice is that it is business as usual, schools are to remain open unless otherwise instructed. If there is a case confirmed within the school population, we will be contacted by Public Health and they will advise us on appropriate action.

These are the current links to useful websites which you may wish to have a look at for advice and guidance

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

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/02/20/what-is-self-isolation-and-why-is-it-important/>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

I want to assure parents that we are do everything possible to reduce any risk to our children, staff and parents and we will keep you informed as we receive further guidance from the government and local authority. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the head teachers of the schools.adr

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Gill Eatough
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