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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to follow the advice of Public Health England and remain open until we are advised otherwise. We appreciate that this is a worrying time for many, with news and information changing each day.

At this point, we have not received any confirmed cases of coronavirus. Any families who are concerned they have been exposed to coronavirus are advised to use the online NHS tool and follow their advice. In the event that you or your children need to self-isolate or are tested positive for coronavirus, please inform school as soon as possible. Please note that the latest information advises that if you have a high temperature or a new continuous cough, you are to self-isolate for 7 days.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please also see attached a very important letter from Barlow Medical Centre explaining their response to coronavirus and future procedures. It is essential that no parents or carers use their car park for any reason, as they will be using their car park to assess patients who are exhibiting signs of coronavirus.

Please see below the latest information about coronavirus and self-isolation.

## **Government coronavirus action plan**

The government coronavirus action plan sets out what the UK has done to tackle coronavirus (COVID-19), and what we plan to do next. The situation is constantly reviewed and action informed by expert science and advice, guided by the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Adviser.

The action plan can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>



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## Action plan recap

The action plan sets out a four-phased approach in response to coronavirus – Contain, Delay, Mitigate, and Research, based on the latest scientific evidence.

The current emphasis is on the Contain and Research phases, however planning for Delay and Mitigation is already in train.

As part of the Contain phase, we have been providing advice to educational settings in England. We also launched a DfE helpline to manage the flow of increasing queries, from providers parents and young people.

## How to wash your hands properly

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water.

Watch this short NHS film for guidance:

- <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

Teach young children how to wash their hands with the NHS handwashing song:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.



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### **Department for Education coronavirus helpline**

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

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

Please note, we are currently experiencing high volumes of calls and apologise for any wait that you may experience. Your call will join a queue and we will answer as soon as possible.

### **Where to find the latest information**

Updates on COVID-19:

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

Guidance for educational settings:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Guidance for social or community care and residential settings:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-social-or-community-care-and-residential-settings-on-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>





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Educational resources:

- › <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources>
- › <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools>

Latest Department for Education information:

- › <https://twitter.com/educationgovuk>
- › <https://www.facebook.com/educationgovuk/>

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Liz Hardy*

Headteacher