



Cloudside Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you have been monitoring the news as we all have with regard to the Coronavirus. Please find below some information that may be helpful as we all attempt to prevent the possible spread of the virus in school.

I would also encourage you to refer to the guidance on the gov.uk website and to regularly check this for more information. You can also contact the Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline. It is open 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday on 0800 046 8687.

The school has currently been following government guidelines regarding handwashing. The children wash their hands with soap and water at least 8 times per day. We are currently using anti-bacterial hand gel within school to also combat the virus when the children have washed their hands. This is NOT to replace handwashing but is completed in conjunction with handwashing. As you are aware antibacterial hand sanitiser is in short supply across the country, with shelves empty. The school has continued to follow trust advice which was to use alcohol free hand sanitiser due to having pupils with allergens in school. The trust has now confirmed that we can use hand sanitiser with alcohol in, the school have placed an order but we may have to wait sometime for delivery due to the high volume of demand globally. A text will follow once the product arrives in school in order for parents to opt in or out of its use. The current government and NHS advice is for your information overleaf. The NHS at this time in their advice is not specifying any particular type of soap or hand sanitiser for the public to use.

We currently have a few members of staff and parents who are self-isolating but no confirmed cases as yet. If we do have any confirmed cases, I will of course let you know immediately. These are very difficult and challenging times we are all living through. As the government has already stated this is going to be a long, hard and difficult road to travel. We will only be successful by all pulling together at this time. I would like to thank the majority of parents who are being highly supportive of the school. We are doing all we can to keep the whole school community safe with the resources we have.

I thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N McIntyre  
Executive Headteacher



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# Coronavirus (COVID-19)

## Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

## How to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus (NHS Advice)

As a school we are doing everything we can to encourage the students to regularly wash their hands as this is the best way to stop the virus spreading.

### Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- 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 straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- 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

We are following public health England guidelines, currently the guidance is to continue as normal. The school will not need to close at this time. If we do get a confirmed case we may need to run a deep clean but this may not result in the closure of the school, we will be advised by a health care professional. We are planning and reacting to the current advice and will keep you informed as much as possible.

If anyone has any trips or holidays planned especially with the Easter holidays coming up, could you let the school know immediately if anyone in the family show any symptoms or are being tested. We have a number of vulnerable students and staff in school who could be seriously affected if they caught this virus.

Thank You for cooperation.