



Briefing for Staff and Parents (13.03.20) – COVID-19

National guidance and advice around the Coronavirus is continually being updated as understanding of the virus progresses. Please be reassured that The Trust is continually reviewing this advice and guidance coming from the local authority, health services and government.

I receive a daily emailed update from the Department for Education which details the government's response to COVID-19. Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The health and safety of our children, staff and visitors remains a key priority. Across all schools, we continue to focus on preventative measures and infection control whilst also making preparations so that we can respond appropriately as the situation develops.

The government's most recent guidance, available [here](#) and published 12th March, states that all people with the following symptoms – a new/continuous cough new fever and high temperature – should self-isolate and stay at home (stay away from other people) for seven days. I am advising all staff and children to adhere to this guidance. If a member of staff or a child needs to self-isolate, please follow the normal sickness procedure and keep school informed.

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