

Coronavirus advice and update

Thursday 27th February 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

We are conscious that parents and carers may like to know more about the Trust's approach to Coronavirus.

We would also like to reassure you that, if the outbreak becomes a significant issue in England, we have policies and procedures in place to be able to manage it.

As you will appreciate, this is a rapidly changing situation and we are monitoring daily the official guidance from Public Health England, the Foreign Office and the Department for Education.

Our schools have been briefed on the latest advice and will be regularly updated. There will be increased advice and guidance given to pupils and staff on hygiene control. In particular, we will ask and support pupils to:

- wash their hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser, particularly before eating. (if you would like your son or daughter to bring hand sanitiser to school, we are happy for them to do so);
- use a tissue when they cough or sneeze, and then throw it in a bin;
- avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth if they have not washed their hands;
- avoid sharing items such as food and drinks.

The official guidance for any pupil or parent who has returned from a Coronavirus hotspot, known as a 'Category One' area, since 19th February is that they should call NHS 111 to inform them of their recent travel, stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if they do not have symptoms. These areas are listed by the government on this webpage, which is regularly updated.

Please inform your school if this is the case and non-attendance will of course be authorised. We have increased monitoring of staff travel and any adults who have visited regions of concern will be required to self-isolate as per official government guidance.

This advice may be subject to change, depending on developments.

We hope that the measures outlined in this letter will help to reassure you that our schools are following official guidance and managing the situation professionally and appropriately.

Yours faithfully

Eden Academy Trust