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CORONA VIRUS UPDATES

Dear Parents and Carers

In the wake of increasing conversation in the national press, social media and throughout the locality about the coronavirus (COVID-19) we have produced the following notice. This notice is to clarify the school position and to give you the confidence that our school is very well-informed and calm about the developing situation.

In producing this you can be assured that we are using the advice of Public Health England (PHE) who are the experts in the spread of infection. Please follow the link in this letter for the latest information and guidance. There is detailed information on what the coronavirus is, symptoms and necessary actions such as self-isolation and when to contact NHS 111.

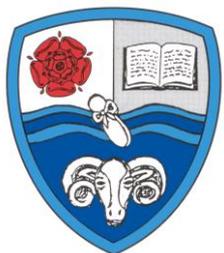
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

The PHE advice is updated daily and you should refer to this immediately if you or family members have recently travelled from any of the specifically identified regions for Public Health England advice. Please be assured that pupil safety will remain our highest priority and we feel very confident that the expertise of PHE will help schools prevent children being kept away from schools unnecessarily. Please be aware that the guidance from the Department for Education is that pupils are not to be kept away from school as a precaution. If this does occur then the pupil absence will not be authorised.

In the event of the Government taking a decision that includes the closure of schools, St Mary's will ensure that all pupils are provided with a range of work to complete at home during the period of the closure.

If you have any queries about this notice, please contact the school directly. If you have any queries about PHE advice or medical advice, then this must be directed to the NHS. Thank you for your continued support.





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How can you stop COVID-19 (coronavirus) spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



**After breaks
& sport
activities**



**Before
cooking
& eating**



**On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting**



**After using
the toilet**



**Before
leaving
home**



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share
items such as bedding,
dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

Yours sincerely

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