

13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear families

I am writing with some important information about the Coronavirus and how we are continuing to keep the school and our children and staff team as safe as we can and to take all steps necessary to help stop the spread of this virus. The health and safety of everyone who accesses the school is always our highest priority and these measures are being taken to protect everyone; so we are:

- Asking visitors who attend to use the sanitising gel at the front of the school; staff and students will wash their hands with soap and water once they've entered and when leaving the school
- Asking all visitors to complete a short questionnaire before entering the building (see the last page of this letter)
- Making our suppliers aware to ensure that they and any of their contacts, have NOT been in one of the countries where there has been an outbreak
- Asking anyone who has symptoms to NOT come to the school.

As of today (13/3/20) we would ask parents, carers, staff, visitors and children to not come onto school premises if:

- You, or a close family member, have returned in the last 14 days, from an area where Coronavirus has spread
- If you have symptoms of Coronavirus (**\*sore throat, cough, high temperature**) whether these have been confirmed or not
- If you have been advised by a medical practitioner or other to self-isolate.

**If you or your child, or any member of staff has any of the above symptoms\*, or come into the categories above, we would ask that you stay away from school for 7 days of self isolation.**

In order to support the planning and staffing within school, if your child is unwell please can you do the following:-

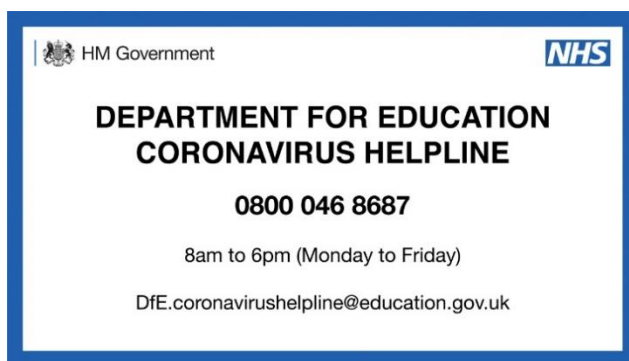
- Send a text message to **07852-998-775** at the earliest opportunity stating the child's name, class and symptoms
- It will then be necessary for your child to be off school for a minimum of 7 days
- Updates on your child's absence can be sent to this number, especially if there are significant changes or a diagnosis is given
- Please also call the main office to report the absence on the first day.

Now that the 7 day absence plan is in place, this will have a general impact on staffing and classes. If a significant number of staff are absent, it may be necessary to close some classes (or the whole school) whether we have a confirmed case of coronavirus or not. Please be assured that this decision will not be taken lightly and will be taken in consultation with senior members of staff within the OHCAT Trust.

We are keeping up-to-date, on a daily basis, with Government and DfE guidance and will stay in touch with you over the coming days and weeks with any decisions we make and advise you accordingly.

**Should it be necessary to close the school for an extended period of time, each student will be sent home with a pack of home learning ideas, and where appropriate resources, in order to support you and your child during their time away from school and to ensure they can continue to learn and develop.**

Further information can be found at:



Public Health England/NHS – Dial 111

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

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

Thank you for your continued support.

**If you have any questions at all, please contact Sue Bashford, in the first instance, on 020-8412-2600 option 5 or [sbashford@dysartschool.org](mailto:sbashford@dysartschool.org)**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leigh Edser".

**Leigh Edser  
Principal**



## Coronavirus Precautions - Dysart School

Dysart School educates children with complex needs many of whom have underlying health and respiratory conditions. Due to the risks associated with Coronavirus, we are asking all visitors the following questions before entering the school.

**1. Have you travelled to any Zone 1 or 2 area within the last 14 days?**

(including but not exclusively - Mainland China, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong, Iran, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Macau, Spain, France, Germany, USA)

Yes  No

**2. Have you been in contact with anyone who has tested positive with Coronavirus in the last 14 days?**

Yes  No

**3. Do you have a: -**

Temperature	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sore throat	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cough	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have answered **Yes** to any of the above questions, we unfortunately will not be able to admit you to the school premises today, please re-schedule your visit.

If you have answered **No** to all the above, please use the hand gel provided before entry.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_