



Hill View Junior Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I feel it sensible to write to you with information about the Coronavirus outbreak and our plans. I can confirm that at present there are no cases at Hill View Junior Academy. As I'm sure you will understand, it is very difficult to predict how this will develop over the coming weeks and months, but we have taken steps in school to ensure we are in the best place possible to prepare.

Actions taken:

1. Raising awareness in classes about the importance of hand washing and encouraging children to do this regularly, coughing into the elbow and throwing tissues away once they have been used.
2. Hand sanitisers are in each classroom and in the dining hall.
3. Contingency planning – if, moving forward, the Government advise temporary closure of schools on a National or regional level this may happen with very little notice. Therefore we would:
 - Notify parents of the school status via our website, school APP and by our text messaging service.
 - Instruct staff to work from home where possible.
 - Senior leaders and admin staff would have remote access to school systems to maintain services as far as possible.

For our pupils:

Plans are in place to allow children to access work and resources. This will differ according to year group. School will provide a list of online resources that may be accessed for free. These will be available should school need to close.

Other information:

At present, any planned school trips will still go ahead, however school will inform parents/carers as soon as possible if current advice changes. School will do everything possible to keep school open with reduced staffing due to illness. Your child's safety would always come first so we would always give notice if circumstances were to change.

The risk for children of school age is described as low to moderate and parents can access more information via the government advice site <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/Coronavirus-Covid-19-information-for-the-public>

The symptoms of Coronavirus are:

- A dry cough
- A high temperature of 37.8 or above
- Shortness of breath

Should you or your child display these symptoms you are being asked to self-isolate for 7 days and follow government guidance. This action will help to protect others in your community.

I would ask you to remain calm for your children, and remind you that not everything on social media is true. We are doing our very best to protect your children at this potentially difficult time, and will continue to provide the best quality of education we can.

Yours Sincerely

Tricia Bevan
Head Teacher



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