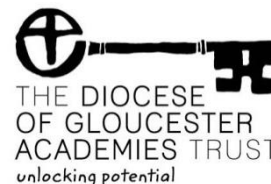




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Dear Parents and Carers,

We understand that you may be concerned as over the weekend a case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) was confirmed in Gloucestershire and the spread of COVID-19 has been covered extensively in the press over the past few days. We would like to make you aware that we are monitoring the situation closely and following the guidance from Public Health England.

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19. In school we are sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages by promoting basic hygiene practices, such as regular washing hands, using hand sanitiser (60% alcohol +), always sneezing into a tissue and then binning it, and avoiding touching hands and mouth. We are asking pupils, staff and visitors to follow these hygiene practices. We have posters displayed around the school as reminders, such as "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it", and the children have also been taking part in lessons to increase their awareness of hand washing techniques and generally good hygiene practices.

Current advice is that if anyone has been in contact with a suspected case in a childcare or educational setting, no restrictions or special control measures are required while laboratory test results for COVID-19 are awaited. There is no need to close the setting or send other pupils or staff home.

If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environments.

Where to find the latest information

The Department for Education (DfE) has today, launched a new coronavirus (COVID-19) advice service for the education sector, including staff, parents, carers and young people. The relevant details are detailed below:

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email:

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk <<mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk>>

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Websites containing useful information

Updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard Lucas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Lucas

Executive Headteacher