

## Letter to parents – 13.03.20

Dear parents and carers,

### Coronavirus

I am writing to you today with an update on what Oasis Community Learning's, and your academy's, response is to the Coronavirus.

Most important is the wellbeing of our pupils, staff and academy communities and we are closely following Public Health England's expert advice on how to keep everyone safe and well. It is also essential that we do not unnecessarily disrupt the children's learning.

### Staying safe – Government guidance

As a Trust we are following the Government's guidance closely (which you can access yourself by going to the website, gov.uk, and searching 'Coronavirus.')

The current advice is that if pupils are well they are to be in school. The only exceptions to this are:

- Have you or your child come home in the last 14 days from Iran, Hubei province in China, certain areas of northern Italy or South Korea? If so, you and your child are required to self-isolate at home for 14 days, and dial NHS 111.
- Have you or your child come home in the last 14 days from one of the following countries, **and** developed a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath? If so, you and your child are required to self-isolate at home for 14 days, and dial NHS 111.

*Mainland China, Italy, South Korea, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Japan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam.*

- Have you or your child developed a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath, **and** have you been in contact with someone who it has been confirmed has the virus or has recently visited one of the above countries? If so, you and/or your child should stay at home and call NHS 111.

### Prevention

We are asking everyone to help prevent the spread of the virus by completing the normal activities recommended to prevent the spread of infection (similar to those actions to prevent the spread of colds):

- Every member of the school community should wash their hands often
- Covering coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in the bin
- People who are unwell should stay at home

### Updates

This advice may change in the coming days and weeks, and we will send you updates via your child's academy. Please also check the academy website where we will also be publishing our latest updates.

Thank you for your support and understanding on this important issue.

**John Murphy**  
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