



Greenway Primary
& Nursery School



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Dear Parent/Carers

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

We are aware that other local schools have been advised that a very small number of their parents have tested positive for coronavirus.

We would like to reassure you that we are receiving daily advice from the Department for Education and are following the guidance from them, the Local Authority and Public Health England. Current government advice is for schools to remain open. (At present schools with associated confirmed cases are being kept open for the vast majority of pupils.)

Please remember that the advice from Public Health England is that the infection is not serious for most people, including children and that most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain.

As we mentioned in a previous update, at Greenway we have spent time with the children talking about and reinforcing what is effective hygiene in an age and stage appropriate way ensuring that children are not unduly worried. Please be reassured that all the children are reminded to wash their hands after going to the toilet and before eating and that this is being continually monitored. All toilets have plentiful supplies of handwash but extra handwash has been ordered and received. Hand sanitizer has been ordered but we have yet to receive this – as you will appreciate there is huge demand for this. If you wish your child to use hand sanitizer in the interim they may bring in a named hand sanitizer to school. Our cleaning routine at school incorporates the cleaning of surfaces people touch regularly like door handles.

If you think that you or any close family member has symptoms of coronavirus, you should self-isolate and call NHS 111 for advice.

Visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus for the most up to date information.

We will continue to take a proactive role in keeping you updated with any developments and will also share with you information as advised by the Local Authority and Public Health England.

Regards

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