

The Sir John Colfox Academy



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Dear Parents

We are continuing to keep you updated on the Government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Please see the information below for the latest update.

For your information I am doing assemblies this week to give advice and guidance to your child and, I am talking about the importance of hygiene in combatting the spread of all viruses including the COVID-19.

As I write this we still do not have any confirmed cases in Dorset so the risk is still low. I will of course send you information as I receive it from the Government.

Yours sincerely

Adam Shelley
Headteacher

Latest Information 3/03/2020:

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

Today, we have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

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

- No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19. Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.

Public Health England has a dedicated webpage with a range of posters and digital materials at:

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources>

Where to find the latest 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>

