

DOTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus

With all the news and social media 'information' that is around at the moment regarding the Coronavirus, the Governors and I wanted to make clear what we are doing at Dothill in order to protect our community.

We receive a daily update from the Department of Education regarding the latest information and advice that is available. We have based our plan on this information and we will change it as required if the information we are given changes.

We have had a special assembly with all pupils and staff today where we have talked about Coronavirus, how it is spread and how we can protect ourselves.

1. Handwashing - Please do not send your children to school with hand sanitiser. Advice is that hand sanitiser should only be used if soap and water are not available. We have soap and water at school.
2. Pupils will be expected to wash their hands more frequently at school than normal. Advice to educational establishments says pupils, students, staff should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school

We will ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to wash their hands at these recommended times. Please support by having your children wash their hands before they leave home.

3. Pupils will be taught the appropriate and effective way to wash their hands following Government advice.



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4. We have taught the phrase 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and we will encourage children to cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw it away. We will be providing a box of emergency tissues for every classroom however, we would ask that you support the school by sending your child to school with their own, personal, clean tissues (a packet of pocket tissues is perfect - no boxes).
5. We buy-in our cleaning service from Telford and Wrekin. They are continuing to clean as normal and are following advice from Public Health England. They will update us with any changes as required.
6. There is a Public Health England poster in every classroom window and on our school website with the latest advice on how to protect yourself and what to do if you feel unwell.
7. As with any other illness, if your child is unwell and not fit for school then please do not send them.

When it comes to the possibility of school closure due to a suspected or confirmed case of Coronavirus, we will take advice. The current advice from the DfE is that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

I will keep you updated with any further advice or changes that may need to take place in the future. Please keep in touch with the school website www.dothillprimary.co.uk as this is the most efficient way of keeping you informed. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes

Becca Butler
Head Teacher

