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Dear Parents/Carers

CoVID-19 Government Announcement and Local Advice

You will no doubt be aware of the latest announcements by the Prime Minister and Chief Medical Officer regarding coronavirus. Now that the country has moved from the Contain Phase to the Delay Phase, we have received Local Authority advice for schools and academies.

If your child is ill and you are worried about coronavirus you should review NHS coronavirus advice online and keep your child at home for 7 days if they either have a high temperature or a new, continuous cough. They should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them your children are staying at home.

Families should only use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- They cannot cope with the symptoms at home
- The condition gets worse
- The symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Families should seek advice direct from the 111 coronavirus service <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>. Families should only call 111 if they cannot get help online.

If your child becomes ill with cold-like symptoms and/or temperature at school, we will contact you and ask you to follow the process of **self-isolation for 7 days** and direct you to the online information.

If your child has an existing illness or treatment that requires 'additional precautions', you should seek advice from their doctor or specialist or contact NHS 111 and advise the school of any such advice.

The Department for Education has 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)

School transport will operate as normal. All school transport operators have been contacted and advised to make themselves and their staff aware of the advice published by Public Health England and the guidance specifically aimed at the transport sector. They have also been advised to consider some additions to the cleaning regime for vehicles. In addition to this it is advisable that pupils wash their hands with soap and water on arrival to school and on returning home, after using school transport.

We will continue to monitor the situation.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 0121 559 1400.

Yours faithfully *pp Barbara Atkinson*
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