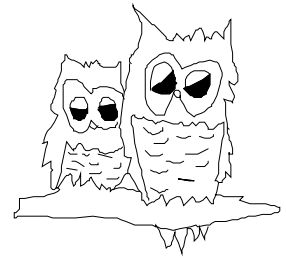


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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to all parents with the latest Coronavirus Guidance.

At St Oswald's School we are following Government and Public Health England advice and can share the following with you:

Attached is a Public Health England information leaflet. Much of this guidance is the same as for the types of colds and flu we have in the UK each year. It explains how we can prevent spreading viruses and what we should do if we feel unwell.

Below is a link to the latest government advice for the public on coronavirus.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>.

There is also advice for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>.

We draw your attention to the following sections:

5. What to do if a case of COVID-19 (pupil, student or staff) is suspected in your childcare or education setting:

- If anyone has been in contact with a suspected case in a childcare or educational setting, no restrictions or special control measures are required while laboratory test results for COVID-19 are awaited.
- There is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home.
- **As a precautionary measure, the NHS are currently testing a very large number of people who have travelled back from affected countries, the vast majority of whom test negative.**
- Therefore, until the outcome of test results is known there is no action that staff members need to take.

9. What to do if a pupil, student or staff member has travelled from elsewhere in China (outside Wuhan and Hubei Province) or Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan or Thailand in the last 14 days.

If they are currently well:

- they are advised to self-isolate only if they develop symptoms
- they can continue to attend work or education

- they do not need to avoid contact with other people
- their family do not need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities
- testing people with no symptoms for COVID-19 is currently not recommended

If they become unwell:

- they should stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as they would with other flu viruses (see this [home isolation advice sheet](#)).
- they (or a family member, colleague or member of staff) should call NHS 111 immediately for them to be assessed by an appropriate specialist, as quickly as possible
- they should stay at home and should not attend work or education

10. What to do if pupils, students or staff return from travel anywhere else in the world within the last 14 days.

- Currently there are minimal cases outside the risk areas and therefore the likelihood of an individual coming into contact with a confirmed case is low.
- There is no need to advise any of these pupils, student or staff to avoid normal activities or educational settings unless they have had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- If individuals are aware that they have had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 they should contact NHS 111 for further advice.

I hope you find this guidance useful.

Yours sincerely

Gill White