



## Guidance for Educational Settings 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

#### Preventing Spread of Infection

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin.
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or early years/youth setting
- children, pupils, students, staff and visitors 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
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment but phone.
- see further information on the Public Health Agency website.

The school will hold a short assembly tomorrow morning Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March to ensure pupils are aware of the importance of washing hands regularly and other such measures we can use to help prevent the spread of unwanted germs, both at home and in school.

Parents / guardians are asked to please support the school by ensuring hands are washed before coming to school.

Regards

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