

Dear Parents/Carers

The information below is being shared with all students and staff with regards to the Coronavirus, as a result of advice that has recently been sent to schools from the Government and Staffordshire County Council Health & Safety team. Please be re-assured that this is ADVICE and it does not constitute a 'public health warning', rather it is an attempt to:

- 1. REASSURE students and staff that it is business as usual in UK schools as the risk is extremely low.
- ENCOURAGE students and staff to undertake good personal hygiene especially HANDWASHING – to minimise the impact of any viral infections such as colds, flu, norovirus etc. CATCH a cough or sneeze into a paper TISSUE and bin it to kill the germs; wash hands as usual after being to the toilet and regularly at other times such as preparing food.

'CATCH IT – BIN IT – KILL IT'

GUIDANCE about the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus):

- The UK remains a low risk country.
- If staff or students have directly (in the last 14 days) travelled to China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Taiwan, Iran and Northern Italy or had very close contact to those who have AND ARE SHOWING cold or flu like symptoms TO SELF-ISOLATE and contact NHS 111 to get further information.
- TO HELP YOURSELF: wash hands with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if hand washing facilities are not available.

This information has been shared with you in a factual and non-sensationalist way, in order to share information for all of us to help ourselves and each other in light of increasingly dramatic media coverage. Please find attached a copy of the government advice for schools.

Please contact school if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely

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