

Tuesday 10th March 2020

Dear Parents,

As you are aware there is more and more daily coverage about the Coronavirus and the possibility of a significant outbreak here in the UK. I am also aware that there have been a few cases reported in Milton Keynes as a consequence a number of parents have expressed concerns.

As with the vast majority of schools across the country, CtS has had no confirmed cases of Coronavirus and your children are at no greater risk here at CtS than any other school. We receive daily updates from the Department for Education about how to manage the Coronavirus and what the risks are. If there were any risks to your children at school we would of course act on all available advice from the DfE and Public Health England. The most significant guidance at the moment is:

No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

We are doing all that we can to mitigate any spread of the illness in school, this includes thorough daily cleaning, soap in all the wash areas and anti-bacterial hand wash is available before lunch and in the classrooms.

Although most people who contract the illness will have only very mild symptoms some adults and children are more vulnerable, particularly if they have other underlying health issues. You of course are best placed to make those health decisions about your children but advice is available for:

Government Coronavirus plan:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

Regular updates at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Public Health England blog:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Additional advice is also available in the attached leaflet.

If the situation should change for us here at CtS we will off course seek further advice and guidance and then inform you of any changes.

In the meantime I hope everyone carries on keeping healthy and following all the appropriate precaution to keep well.

Yours sincerely,

Lorraine Quirk