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CORONAVIRUS

You're likely aware of the outbreak of coronavirus and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK.

At the Inspire Partnership we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously. We continue to follow the advice from Public Health England and we are focusing our efforts on limiting the spread of germs and ensuring our children are given a balanced, age-appropriate understanding of the virus.

At the moment, all our all lessons and other activities on school premises are running as normal. We are risk assessing our school trips and school leaders are making decisions based on the individual circumstances. But I wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are keeping the situation under constant review and will adapt our response in line with any changes to the Public Health England advice.

There's currently no cause for concern at any of our schools and the advice from Public Health England is:

1. If you have been in contact with someone with coronavirus or have returned from any of the affected areas overseas identified by the Chief Medical Officer as high risk and you are feeling unwell with a cough, difficulty breathing or fever, stay at home and contact NHS 111.
2. Wash your hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds using soap and hot water, particularly after coughing, sneezing and blowing your nose, or after being in public areas where other people are doing so. Use hand sanitiser if that's all you have access to.
3. To reduce the spread of germs when you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, or your sleeve (not your hands) if you don't have a tissue, and throw the tissue away immediately. Then wash your hands or use a hand sanitising gel.
4. Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces using your regular cleaning products to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

I appreciate that this is an unsettling time for all of us but I hope the we can count on your support to meet this concern in a calm and evidence-based way.



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