



26th February 2020

Dear parent/carer,

I wanted to write to you to share how the school has responded, and will continue to respond, to the Coronavirus situation in order to help protect the welfare of our school community as much as possible. We recognise that this may be a concerning time, especially for those with friends and family in affected areas.

Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst in Solihull closed this morning as a precautionary measure. This is because a group of students and staff had returned from a school ski trip to Northern Italy (in a category 2 area) and some were reporting symptoms and being tested for the virus this morning. No other schools in the Trust had school parties that visited any affected areas over half term.

As you'd expect, we have been very closely monitoring the situation and following advice from Public Health England and the NHS, essential in this highly dynamic situation. We have heightened our own hygiene measures in school and will brief students on the guidance below to help prevent the spread of all germs and we would appreciate your support in reinforcing this at home also.

In line with this advice, you should continue to send your child to school so long as neither they or any immediate family members have visited the specified areas or countries listed below in the past 14 days -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>

Should anyone develop symptoms (a cough / high temperature / shortness of breath) they should call NHS 111 and follow the advice, which may be to self-refer or isolate under advice. In this case, please call the school to inform us but do not attend school until given the clearance to do so by health professionals.

How to help prevent the spread of germs/viruses:

Do:

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell



Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Regularly updated further information is available here -

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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

We would like to thank you for your support in helping us to safeguard the good health of our children and all the members of our school community.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Butler', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Butler
Principal