

Newnham Junior School



28th February 2020

Re: Coronavirus concerns

You're likely aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At Newnham Junior School we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing [guidance](#) from Public Health England on steps you should be taking.

There's currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus.

Prevent the spread of infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

Symptoms to look out for:

- Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)

At school we are:

- Receiving regular updates from the Local Authority/Public Health England and following any guidelines recommended
- We are encouraging children to wash their hands thoroughly in school
- We are ensuring that our cleaners are taking extra care to clean thoroughly to prevent the spread of any virus or infection including desk tops, handles, light switches, etc.

As previously stated, there is no cause for concern at the present time in the school.

We will keep you informed of any developments.

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Newnham Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of all pupils and expects all members of the school community to share this commitment.