

10th March 2020

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Aspire Coronavirus Update

You are likely aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus COVID-19 and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK.

At Aspire Academy Trust, we take the Health and Safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the actions that the Trust is taking.

At this time there is no reason for children to be kept off school unless specifically advised by a medical professional. As per the Aspire Attendance Policy any child who is away from school without having being advised by a medical professional or Aspire Academy Trust will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

All our schools are now undergoing a more rigorous cleaning schedule to ensure that all high-risk areas such as door handles, handrails etc. are being cleaned & disinfected daily. All schools have also been issued with anti-bacterial wipes for ongoing cleaning throughout the school day.

Children's personal hygiene routines are enforced by school staff as an integral part of their day and each of our 28 primary academies have been provided with hygiene lesson plans and posters.

There is now an Aspire coronavirus website which will be kept updated with all the latest government guidance - www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus

The current government guidance is that to help prevent the spreading any respiratory virus you and your children should:

- 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



Currently the government is only advising self-isolation even if you don't have symptoms if you've travelled to the UK from the following places in the last 14 days:

- Iran
- Hubei province in China
- lockdown areas in northern Italy
- special care zones in South Korea

Alternatively, you should self-isolate if you've travelled to the UK from the following places in the last 14 days and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath, even if your symptoms are mild:

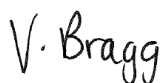
- mainland China outside of Hubei province
- Italy outside of the lockdown areas
- South Korea outside of the special care zones
- Cambodia
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Laos
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam

If children are unable to attend school for a prolonged period of time, we may ask them to complete work online. We will provide guidance regarding how to access Wonde: our online learning platform.

We will of course keep you informed about any developments as the situation develops.

If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please contact the school.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Bragg".

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