

Hallsville

Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I understand that there is a wide range of information being presented to parents regarding the current situation with Covid19 (Coronavirus). I am therefore writing to you in order to offer a calm and considered approach to what we, as a Trust and its schools', have planned during this time of uncertainty. Within the school we are maintaining a calm and purposeful atmosphere. Pupils are instructed by their teachers to maintain high levels of personal hygiene and are reminded daily about the importance of washing their hands properly with soap, trying not to touch their faces and catching sneezes in a tissue.

We intend to do everything in our power to remain open for as long as possible and to continue to offer our services to our children and families for as long as we are permitted. However, we will be following the advice of Public Health England and the Government as the safety, security and health of the children and their families is of the highest importance. It is therefore vital that you now follow the new advice regarding self-isolation and personal hygiene, which can be found on the NHS website - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Our children will not be travelling on school trips that involve using the tube or the DLR for the foreseeable future. We will however continue to take the children on local trips. There may be some changes over the next few weeks regarding educational visits and extended school activities and you will be informed by the school in a timely manner if there are any changes to the programme.

Please also be aware that each school will be updating their websites with news on a daily basis as of Monday 16th March 2020. www.hallsville.newham.sch.uk

In the event of the Government declaring a closure of all schools, we will have no choice but to comply and we are currently organising plans to provide pupils with home learning opportunities linked to the curriculum. Information on how to access these materials will follow, should the need arise.

Thank you for your understanding in these uncertain times. Please follow the hygiene guidelines and keep open the lines of communication with us. Here is the advice from Public Health England:

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



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- 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

If you've returned from any of the category 1 or 2 areas or countries (see the Government website - details below), look out for the following symptoms:

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

According to other official guidance (see website below), while you wait for further advice:

- Avoid contact with others
- Stay at home – don't go to work or school
- Don't travel while sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing, throwing tissues in the bin
- 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)

Further information and advice can be found on this web page:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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