



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents or Carers,

It is understandable that some of you are feeling anxious about the possible consequences of the Coronavirus both on the physical health of your child and on their education. It is really important that you access information only through reliable and credible sources. There is a lot of misinformation currently in circulation which is not helpful and is likely to fuel further uncertainty and anxiety.

We do know that the spread and impact of the virus is changing rapidly. The school will continue to monitor the situation and is closely following any changes to the Government's published plan and guidance from Public Health. I want to reiterate that **there are no confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Newham and we have none at Calverton School.** We do have a number of children who are off sick with temperatures or coughs but none have been confirmed as having coronavirus. In some some cases, children have been confirmed as having a separate viral infection which is common at this time of year in schools.

As a precautionary measure staff with coughs are being asked to remain at home and this is resulting in some children with additional needs being asked to remain at home as we cannot provide adequate staffing levels to maintain their care and education. Additionally we have asked a small number of children with underlying health conditions to remain at home.

I would like to reiterate the general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of the virus including:

- Washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use hand sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport. We recommend that you wash your hands:
 - Before leaving home
 - After using the toilet
 - After breaks and sporting activities
 - Before eating any food, including snacks
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See Catch it, Bin it, Kill it
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoiding close contact with people who are unwell
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces

Do call NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a friend or relative. Please do let the school know if you have been given advice to self-isolate yourself or your child or a family member within the household. Do keep an eye on our school website as we will be updating it regularly, should the situation change.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs C Crompton
Headteacher

