



16th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

We write to assure you that our academy is following the latest advice from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education (DfE). We are doing so to ensure the health and wellbeing of our pupils, staff and the wider school community remains, as always, our top priority.

We currently have no specific concerns about anyone within our academy community in relation to Coronavirus (COVID-19). Therefore, the academy remains open as usual. We are, of course, being extra vigilant and encouraging pupils, parents, carers and staff to continue taking additional precautions, including maintaining high levels of personal hygiene, regularly washing hands and following the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' advice when sneezing or coughing. As you would expect, we already promote these practices in our academy, and we would appreciate your support in continuing to insist on the same at home.

The academy will continue to follow the latest government guidance and keep this under review. This includes advice posters being displayed in staff and student toilets, hand wipes in every classroom being used, particularly for multi-use equipment such as keyboards. The whole academy is cleaned twice daily, both before and after school. We have also made the decision to postpone all evening events such as parents' evenings. If external visitors do visit the academy during the day, they are now directed to complete a declaration form to ensure they are free of any symptoms. We would also encourage you to closely monitor the health of your child(ren) and if they show any symptoms or you have any concerns, your child should be kept at home and not attend the academy. Current advice is if you develop a new, persistent cough or have a temperature above 37.8C then you should self-isolate for 7 days.

Further advice regarding those who have travelled or come into contact with anyone who has contracted Coronavirus can be found on Government websites. You should then **please contact 111 or visit the NHS's website for advice (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>) and not attend your local GP Surgery or local A&E.** We would also ask that you notify the academy immediately, to allow us to take any necessary steps.



As an academy and a trust, we take our duty of care extremely seriously and we will keep you updated on any further developments should the need arise. Any updates will be communicated through our website and our social media accounts. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to email our academy email office@poolhayes.atrust.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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