

Headteacher: Miss Caitlin Macrae

Dear parents and carers,

**Re: Coronavirus update – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

As you are aware, Coronavirus Covid 19 remains very much in the news headlines and I am writing to you weekly to update you on the current situation at The Highfield School.

Please be reassured that there remains no cause for concern at The Highfield School. We continue to follow the advice of the government, Public Health England and the local authority. We have taken appropriate precautionary measures, which include reviewing school cleaning procedures and repeating messages in school about handwashing and hygiene.

What can you do to help?

- Ensure your child is aware of the need for high standards of hygiene, including regular handwashing and sneezing/coughing into tissues
- If you suspect (or have it confirmed) you or your child has come into contact with the coronavirus, please contact NHS 111, as well as the school immediately.

Recent media reports have raised the possibility of national school closures in the future. **Please let me emphasise that currently there has been no advice or instruction for us to close. We remain open as usual.** However, it is important to plan and think ahead. If I am told to close the school, I will inform you of arrangements at the earliest opportunity. In the event of closure, students will be set appropriate work through Show My Homework.

Please find below links to the most reliable information about Coronavirus.

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

Guidance for educational settings: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 for staff, parents and young people:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Thank you again for your cooperation and support.

Kind regards,

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