



Edenfield C E Primary School

Wednesday 11th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to keep you fully updated on our actions and plans to remain aware of, and seek to prevent, the spread of COVID-19. All schools are receiving daily advice from the DfE and we continue to act in line with that advice.

Advice from Public Health England continues to be for education and children's social care settings to remain open, unless advised otherwise. PHE is continually reviewing how best to support all educational settings and the impact of any measures will be considered carefully before being implemented.

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes. We have implemented robust measures in school to support the pupils in following appropriate hygiene measures such as wash hands more often for at least 20 seconds with soap and hot water. In addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, both children and staff are also washing hands more regularly. We have purchased adequate supplies of hand sanitiser to include in our essential kit lists for educational visits. Public Health England has a dedicated webpage with a range of posters and digital materials at:

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources>

At this stage, all educational visits scheduled to take place in the coming weeks are still going ahead. We have contacted all venues to establish the additional measures which are being taken to minimise risk and included these in all risk assessments. Should we receive advice that educational visits should be cancelled or postponed, we will inform you as soon as possible.

To summarise, to date we have:

- Displayed **PHE** posters throughout school
- Highlighted recommended hygiene practices to prevent the spread of infection (during assemblies)
- Shared the **NHS** handwashing video which teaches children how to wash hands properly
- Provided tissues for all classrooms
- Emphasised the focus on handwashing
- Implemented updated daily cleaning procedures
- Taken appropriate measures to minimise risks ahead of, and during, educational visits

If your child becomes ill, or you have any concerns, please notify the office and keep us fully informed. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

C.L. Garner