

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Re: Coronavirus concerns

Dear Parent/Carer,

The school has received a number of calls from concerned parents regarding Coronavirus. The school is currently taking advice from the DfE on a daily basis. We have installed new soap dispensers in all of the toilets and we are ensuring that the children are educated on keeping their hands clean.

The current Department for Education advice released on March 10th 2020 states:

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

Yesterday, Public Health England updated their travel advice, recommending that anyone returning from Italy should self-isolate, even if you do not have any symptoms. If you do develop symptoms, call NHS 111.

The latest travel guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Further information on what you should do if you are asked to self-isolate can be found here:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/02/20/what-is-self-isolation-and-why-is-it-important/>

If you are affected by the Coronavirus or someone you have been in contact with is showing symptoms, then please ring the NHS 111 number and seek advice. Please let the school know as soon as possible if the advice is to self-isolate. We may suggest that your child does not attend school and self isolates for the recommended 14 days, but this would need to be authorised first by the school.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this matter.

Miss Pizuti

Principal