

# The Compass Partnership of Schools

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## Update regarding COVID-19

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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, as a result of the Coronavirus situation at this current time there is a degree of uncertainty in connection with the education sector. Given the concerns within the school community, we write to update you about the approach that the Trust is currently taking.

We can confirm that we are currently following Government and Public Health England guidance in respects of keeping people safe. Please be advised that we have not been notified of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 but staff have been asked to follow the latest NHS guidance as follows (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>):

*Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:*

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

*Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.*

*You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.*

*Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.*

Current government advice for education settings is that people living with others who are experiencing symptoms do not themselves need to self-isolate unless they in turn develop symptoms. We are monitoring the health of all staff and pupils closely.

We would request that anyone in the school community displaying the above systems also adhere to the guidance and do not attend the school. Should anyone display these symptoms whilst at school they will be sent home.

Where staff members are required to self-isolate in-line with NHS and government advice, or where staff are otherwise required to be absent from work unexpectedly due to ill health, we have had to make some changes to class structures in order to ensure the continuity of the children's learning in a safe and manageable way.

We would like to reassure you that we continue to ensure good hygiene practices in school in order to prevent the spread of infection.

As this very much a fluid situation, we will keep you updated on the situation and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.