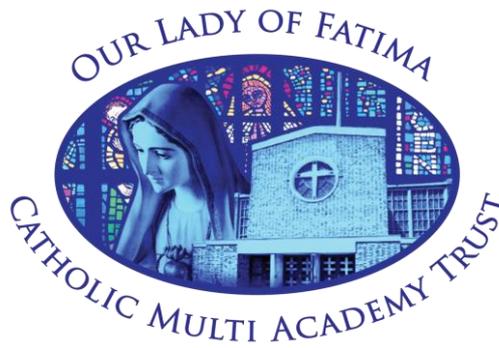




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Wednesday, 04 March 2020

Dear Parents,

After discussions with the leadership team of both schools and our Chair of Trustees, we would like to inform you of our planning for the Coronavirus. Covid 19.

Closure: In all matters we will follow the Government advice and we will do all we can to keep our children safe. In the unlikely event that a significant number of our staff become unwell we will do all we can to keep the school open. We will only close if advised by Public Health England or if we have insufficient supervision for our children. In the event of staff absence, and if we are unable to provide sufficient cover for a class we will, by agreement with the Chair of Trustees, ask the children from selected classes to remain at home.

Children: We have taught and reminded all children of the needs to wash their hands regularly, we have soap in all toilet areas and in the classrooms. We have given the children a named pencil/pen so that they do not need to share.

We have shared with them (in an age appropriate way) the general principles which anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use a sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available.
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See Catch it, Bin it, Kill it

Please also note pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:

- before leaving home
- on arrival at school
- after using the toilet
- after breaks and sporting activities
- before food preparation
- before eating any food, including snacks
- before leaving school
- upon arriving home

We are told facemasks are ineffective unless you actually have the virus. Please do not bring these into school. They serve no purpose and will inevitably cause undue concern to our children.

Children, and adults who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend school.



Symptoms: The following symptoms may develop in the 14 days after exposure to someone who has COVID-19 infection:

- cough
- difficulty in breathing
- fever

Generally, these infections can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease. There is no evidence that children are more affected than other age groups – very few cases have been reported in children.

The school is receiving daily advice from the Department for Education please see following:

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

On Monday we launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

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

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

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

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Additional guidance from the NHS can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>. You can also access the latest government information and advice <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Yours faithfully,

Mr Ian Kendal

Executive Headteacher

