



# Wolstanton High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following updated information from the DfE we would like to share with you some further information, advice and guidance that we have received regarding the coronavirus COVID-19 and to reassure you that we are taking very active measures to safeguard pupils and staff and prepare effectively for potential developments in the days and weeks ahead.

The DfE helpline should be your first port of call for accurate advice to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the help line as follows if you would like further information:

Phone: [0800 046 8687](tel:08000468687)

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

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

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19)

The latest advice from Public Health England is that anyone presenting with flu-like symptoms should self-isolate for 7 days. If you are worried that your child is ill or, indeed, that they may have Coronavirus you should contact NHS 111 or use the internet, you should not go to your doctors, health centre or pharmacy. The NHS and Public Health England will ascertain if the case is Coronavirus or, as is most likely, seasonal cold or flu. Should you decide to self-isolate your child it should only be on the advice of a health professional. To Safeguard everyone effectively we ask all parents to communicate with us if you, your child or relatives/friends living in your household become ill with symptoms. To this end communication is vital so we are asking all form tutors to check that the contact information we have on our systems is up to date. If you think you may not have alerted us to any changes, please contact school as a matter of urgency.

Day to day in school we are continuing to take the health of our community very seriously and as such have increased our promotion of good hygiene. We have plenty of soap dispensers in school and these are being checked regularly. Our cleaners are still working hard behind the scenes to ensure all surfaces are thoroughly cleaned daily including door handles and classroom furniture.

We would be grateful if you would continue to discuss the need for increased handwashing for a minimum duration of 20 seconds with your child and, in addition, the use of tissues to catch sneezes or coughs, which are then binned.

An additional correspondence will be issued for children who are preparing for GCSEs. If there are any further significant developments, we will update our advice to you accordingly.

Yours sincerely

**Mr C Lakin**

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