

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, the coronavirus situation is changing on a daily basis and I would encourage you to keep yourselves informed and seek advice if you are in any doubt as to the health and wellbeing of any family members.

If there is any change in circumstances specifically affecting the local area or the school, we would inform you immediately via email and the information will be posted on the school website www.williampatten.hackney.sch.uk and noted on the Council's education web page www.learningtrust.co.uk

The following links may also be useful:

[Public Health England](#) (PHE)
[World Health Organisation](#) (WHO)
[National Health Service](#) (NHS)
[Foreign and Commonwealth Office](#) (FCO)

At the time of writing, the World Health Organization has declared that the coronavirus outbreak is a public health emergency of international concern and the UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate. Whilst this permits the government to plan for all eventualities, the risk to individuals remains low.

General Guidance:

Based on the current evidence from the [World Health Organisation](#) (WHO) and Public Health England (PHE) there is no immediate cause for concern in the UK, however, we have nonetheless taken the following basic precautions at William Patten;

- The school will continue to maintain its very high standard of cleaning. This includes daily disinfection of equipment, tables, door handles, water fountains, keyboards, phones, stair banisters, etc.
- We will provide alcohol free hand sanitisers in each class for the foreseeable future. These will be available from Monday.
- Parents can send their child to school with hand sanitiser to use. This must be alcohol free.
- Similar to the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' campaign used for flu and norovirus, William Patten will continue to promote important hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.
- We are keeping up to date with information and are aware of the signs and symptoms of coronavirus
- We will continually risk assess the outbreak, updated with reference to external advice from Public Health England, Department of Education, other health organisations and Hackney Learning Trust
- We discourage any member of the school community [staff, governors and families] to travel to areas of high risk.

I hope this information helps. Please do get in touch if you have any further questions and of course I will update you as and when I receive any further information.

Best wishes

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