

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents Carers,

I am writing to you to let you know the steps we are taking at Severne regarding Coronavirus.

- 1) I get daily updates from the Department for Education and we follow this advice.
- 2) Birmingham City Council Director of Public Health, Dr. Justin Varney has also written to all Birmingham schools to reinforce the DfE advice.
Please see attached.
- 3) We have put extra cleaning procedures in place for all surfaces including handles and doors using Milton cleanser.
- 4) Handwashing: please see below.

Please be aware that we are ensuring that our children are being regularly reminded about hand washing.

We had a fun time earlier this week with the help of a NHS handwashing song, see link below.

<https://youtu.be/S9VjeIWLnEq>

(Please note that this URL is case sensitive
and that this letter is an upper case i.)



We work in a child friendly way to support our children to understand the importance of hygiene.

MR.P.J. HOPKINS

(HEADTEACHER)

Message from Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health: Coronavirus Update

Birmingham City Council are well prepared to deal with Coronavirus and have a full plan to manage the situation as well as help reduce the risk of further cases.

The council is also reiterating simple and effective actions that everyone should take to ensure the coronavirus doesn't spread such as washing hands regularly throughout the day, especially when you get to work or return home.

Birmingham City Council's Director of Public Health, Justin Varney said:

"This new case of coronavirus is nothing unexpected. We expected that at some point we would have our first case and we have worked with partners in the NHS and PHE and our services have planned for this, and are ready, for this situation.

"I'd like to reassure citizens that the risk to the general public remains low and Birmingham City Council is working with partners to do everything we can to stop the virus spreading and ensure the people of Birmingham are protected.

"Current evidence indicates that most cases appear to be mild, with patients experiencing flu-like symptoms. Older residents or those with weakened immune systems or long-term conditions may experience more severe symptoms, which is why it is important to help protect ourselves and each other. This is a good reminder to all of us to check in on neighbours and loved ones and be conscious of each other.

"Following Government guidance to take basic hygiene precautions remains the best way of significantly reducing the chances of spreading any virus: sneeze or cough into a tissue, bin it, wash your hands frequently and don't touch your face unless you've just washed your hands. We should do this regularly throughout the day.

"Good regular cleaning with normal detergent of surfaces people touch regularly or may cough onto, like door handles and lift buttons, is also sensible. People should log onto <https://gov.uk/coronavirus> for the latest advice and information."

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

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>