



# Ark All Saints Academy

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents

There is a huge amount of information in the media about Coronavirus, I wanted to update you about the situation.

The Government has confirmed that schools **will remain open as normal (including all planned intervention sessions)** and we are following this guidance.

We have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus with staff or students.

The new health guidance from the Government says that anyone with the following symptoms should stay at home for seven days;

- A high temperature **and/or**
- A new continuous cough

You **should not** go to the doctor, pharmacy or hospital.

**If your child has these symptoms, please let us know and keep them at home from school for seven days. If someone else in your home has these symptoms, and they cannot be isolated from the rest of the family, please do not send your child to school for seven days.**

**Information on the stay at home advice from Government is here -**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

You should use the NHS 111 online service if;

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

**Further NHS information can be found here;**  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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Whilst the Government has said that all overseas school trips should be cancelled, there is no restriction on local trips. However, as a precaution and due to concerns expressed by some parents, from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 we are postponing all external trips. We have also taken the decision to cancel yr9 parents evening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Helping to stop the spread of Coronavirus**

The most effective ways to stop the spread of the virus;

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or arrive at work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Parents who have symptoms and are self-isolating should ask someone else to take their children to school for them. We remain vigilant and are following the advice from the Government and the NHS and will continue to do so. The health of all our children and staff remains our top priority and we are making sure that all our students are washing their hands throughout the day.

I will keep you updated on the situation, if you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school.

Yours sincerely

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