



5 March 2020

To: all parents and staff

Dear parents/ guardians and staff,

Re: Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

We are aware you may have concerns in relation to COVID-19 (also known as coronavirus) and schools. This letter is to confirm Public Health England's advice.

Public Health England are contacting a small number of people in South Yorkshire who had close contact with the presumed positive case of COVID-19. Close contacts are given health advice about symptoms and emergency contact details to use if they become unwell in the 14 days after contact with the confirmed cases. This tried and tested method will ensure any risk to them and the wider public is minimised.

Public Health England would like to assure you that in the event of any infection outbreaks affecting this school they will work with the school to give families, staff and pupils prompt advice and support.

There is currently no information to suggest there is any increased health risk to any pupils or staff at the school and as such pupils and staff can continue to attend as normal.

For further information go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus

The Department for Education has also 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

Yours sincerely,

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