



## Coronavirus update

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, information regarding the coronavirus is changing on a daily basis so we thought it would be useful to update you. We wish to reassure you that Finham Park 2 has been following Government advice in relation to the coronavirus and will continue to do so.

### What is the current situation?

- The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we have been given.
- It continues to be the case that we have no reported cases of coronavirus within our staff and student community.
- Students should attend unless they feel unwell. Please follow government advice on symptoms, when to stay off school and how to self-isolate (available on our website) and at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>
- If your child is unwell, report this to school as you would normally by contacting the **attendance team** on the school number: 02477710720 or email: [S.wright@finhampark2.co.uk](mailto:S.wright@finhampark2.co.uk) or [j.mcgrory@finhampark2.co.uk](mailto:j.mcgrory@finhampark2.co.uk)
- Regarding school trips: The latest Government update advises against unnecessary foreign travel. As a result, I am sorry to inform you that we have had to make the decision to cancel international trips that were due to be taking place. These trips are to: Spain, France and China
  - Any parent information evenings arranged in relation to these trips will now be cancelled and students are advised to speak to the visit leader (Spain, France- Mr Wiggins; China- Mrs Brake) if they have any queries.
  - There are also a number of UK educational visits on our calendar over the next few weeks. We very much hope these will be proceeding as planned but will keep you updated.
  - We are currently investigating the financial implications to the parents of children who were due to be taking part in these trips and a further update will follow.
- Regarding examinations
  - Current advice from Ofqual is for schools and students to continue to prepare for public examinations as usual and are therefore still scheduled to run on the same dates.
  - We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.

### What we're doing to protect and support students and staff at school

- If students are unwell, we will contact parents as normal.
- Toilets are fully stocked with soap - please remind your children to wash their hands regularly. We would also advise that students bring their own hand sanitisers with them to school and use them regularly.
- We have been making plans to ensure that we are prepared in the event of a school closure. Mentors have gone through this with students during mentor time. Further advice and support will be given as required.



## **What we need you to do**

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via our school website.
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It can be a worrying time and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for younger children and [YoungMinds](#) has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety.
- Please collect your child straight away if we ask you to (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough).
- Check that your child has access to the Frog from home, and let Mr Rogers know if there are any issues (so we can make sure we're well prepared for remote learning if the school does need to close at some point) [j.rogers@finhampark2.co.uk](mailto:j.rogers@finhampark2.co.uk)

## **What happens if the school has to close?**

We will only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school. We are only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. **There are currently no plans to close.**

If we do need to close the school, we will:

- Contact you via email and/or text.
- Set work via Frog. We will be ensuring all students can access Frog at home. For those students that cannot access the internet, work packs will be provided.
- Staff will be available during school hours to answer questions and support students via email. All staff emails are available on our website.

## **If you have any questions**

Please consult our website and/or <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Please bear with us during these difficult times. We will make every effort to give you as much notice as possible of impending changes.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to safeguard the good health of our students and all the members of our community.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher