

Queensbury School

Wood End Road
Erdington
Birmingham
B24 8BL
Telephone: 0121 373 5731
Email: enquiry@queensbury.bham.sch.uk
Website: <https://www.queensburysch.com>



13th March 2020,

Dear Parents / Carer,

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19): Update to Guidance & infection control measures

I am contacting you following the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK and abroad.

As you may have already seen on the news, Public Health England and the Government have moved to the second phase to delay the spread of the coronavirus (COVID -19).

The guidance:

- Anyone with a **new, continuous" cough or high temperature** is advised to **self-isolate for seven days**
- if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for seven (7) days from when your symptoms started.
- this action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious.
- plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home.
- ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home.
- stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.
- sleep alone, if that is possible.
- wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>



Interim Head Teacher: Mr Chris Wilson BSc/MA



Queensbury School

Wood End Road
Erdington
Birmingham
B24 8BL
Telephone: 0121 373 5731
Email: enquiry@queensbury.bham.sch.uk
Website: <https://www.queensburysch.com>



- stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
- **you do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation.** If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact [NHS 111 online](https://111.nhs.uk/) - <https://111.nhs.uk/>. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.
- Testing will only focus on identifying people with the virus in hospital

More detailed information can be found:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

I would like to confirm that we have **no confirmed cases** of the **COVID -19 virus** within the school and the preventative measures outlined the school has put in place to minimise the spread of infection, in the event of an outbreak within the school.

As per the advice from the government, the school has already taken the following actions for infection control:

- Putting up coronavirus infection control measures information posters around the school
- Encouraging good hygiene by promoting the importance of handwashing for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap in the following circumstances:
 - Before leaving home
 - On arrival at school
 - After using the toilet
 - After breaks and sporting activities
 - Before food preparation
 - Before eating any food, including snacks
 - Before leaving school



Interim Head Teacher: Mr Chris Wilson BSc/MA



Queensbury School

Wood End Road
Erdington
Birmingham
B24 8BL
Telephone: 0121 373 5731
Email: enquiry@queensbury.bham.sch.uk
Website: <https://www.queensburysch.com>



- Installing hand sanitiser across the school.
- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away
- Ensuring frequently touched objects and surfaces are cleaned and disinfected more regularly than usual
- Isolating any unwell people.

As an important part of our school community, I would ask that you encourage good infection control practices, such as thorough handwashing, at home and keep your child informed about the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection.

If your child has a **new, continuous" cough or high temperature** then they will need to **self-isolate for 7 days at home**. This will not affect their attendance record as It will be recorded as medical.

If you think your child may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, please contact the school on number at the earliest opportunity.

We would like to reiterate that these are only preventative measures, in place to anticipate any occurrences of coronavirus within the school.

We will continue to keep you updated if guidance changes and we will also post key information on our web.

➤ <https://queensburysch.com/corona-virus/>

➤ <https://queensburysch.com/letters/>

Yours sincerely

Mr David Bishop

&

Mr Chris Wilson

**Chair of the IEB
On behalf of the IEB**

**Interim Head teacher
with executive powers**



Interim Head Teacher: Mr Chris Wilson BSc/MA

