

4th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

BEBCMAT – CORONA VIRUS INFORMATION

I am sure you are aware of the outbreak of coronavirus. There is currently no cause for concern at any of the schools in the trust, Christ the King Catholic Academy, St. Cuthbert's Catholic Academy or St. Mary's Catholic Academy.

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your child shouldn't continue to attend nursery or school as normal. We know that some families are planning to travel during the school holidays, so please refer to the latest travel advice from the government.

As we take the health and safety of our pupils, staff and families seriously, we are sharing the latest guidance from Public Health England and outlining what we can do together to minimise the risks for our family of schools.

Advice for parents:

- Wash your hands with soap and water often (use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available)
- Encourage your child to wash their hands often
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissues (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

All schools in the trust will:

- Encourage pupils to wash their hands often with soap and water or sanitiser
- Increase the cleaning of frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Educate pupils (age appropriate) about how to minimise the spread of infections
- Continue to monitor guidance and keep staff, pupils and families informed of any changes through the websites.

The latest guidance to schools states that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

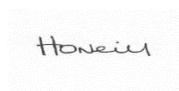
If you are concerned about any school-related issues, please contact a senior member of staff at the school.

If you are concerned that you or someone in your family may be infected by the corona virus, ring NHS 111 for advice.

The government has issued a helpline for staff, parents and young people to answer any questions and give advice – 0800 046 8687.

Please see the poster overleaf and the school or trust website for more information.

Yours sincerely



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