

# Dormers Wells High School

## MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The situation regarding the Coronavirus is concerning for us all so I wanted to update you on how we are approaching this issue at Dormers Wells High School. As Headteacher I am receiving very regular advice and information from the Department of Education and from Public Health England.

I understand that many parents and carers may have some concerns about the spread of Covid-19. As a result, the Government advice is for anyone showing symptoms to self-isolate and call NHS111 for further information. If there are no symptoms, students and staff should attend school as normal. Here is the public health blog, with guidance for families: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

We have taken precautionary measures as advised by the Department for Public Health. Our pupils are always reminded to wash their hands after using the toilets and before they have their lunch. We are providing an update about the coronavirus to all students during assemblies today and the rest of the week.

There has been further information and advice on handwashing and being aware of how to stop the spread of infection through sneezes and coughs. Our cleaning company continue to clean the school daily after school and our premises team regularly check and clean toilet areas as necessary during the school day.

We will continue to remind our pupils of the importance of this advice and ask you to do the same. The DfE have a 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](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Students should attend school as normal.

We will continue to keep you updated with the situation and any changes to the current arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh  
Headteacher

