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The advice below has been issued by Public Health England and the Department for Education – 9th March 2020. This advice is being shared with parents, staff and pupils for full application. Please do not be alarmed but instead be vigilant with ensuring that we are taking action to as far as is practicable prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The following are general principles for all to follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

Actions To Take To Aid With Preventing The CORONAVIRUS:

Wash your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitizer if hand-washing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport or being in public areas.

- **Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue**, then throwing the tissue in a bin.
See **Catch it, Bin it, Kill it**
- **Adults or children who feel unwell should stay at home** and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- It is recommended that children, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - 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 and drinks
 - before leaving school
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111.
Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment
- see further information on the [Public Health England Blog](#) and the [NHS UK website](#).

PHE has a **suite of materials** that contains public health advice about how you can help stop the spread of viruses, like those that cause COVID-19, by practising good respiratory and hand hygiene. To access, download and share this information you will need to register for an account which only takes a couple of minutes.

***Face masks for the general public, children, or staff are not recommended to protect from infection, as there is no evidence of benefit from their use outside healthcare environments.**

People who have returned from [Category 1 specified countries/areas](#) in the last 14 days should self-isolate. This includes avoiding attending an education setting or work until 14 days after they return.

People who have returned from [Category 2 specified countries/areas](#) in the last 14 days, are advised to stay at home if they develop symptoms. All other pupils or students and staff should continue to attend school - including their siblings attending the same or a different school (unless advised not to by public health officials).

Additional Actions to be taken by staff and children at St Antony's:

- Breakfast Club/MAE Staff to ensure children have washed their hands on arrival, before and after eating.
- Teachers/ TAs to ensure pupils wipe down with a wipe computer keyboards with wipes when available after use in EYFS/KS1/KS2
- The children are to be instructed to use the same laptops daily within KS2
- Teachers/TAs can take sanitiser (if available) on all educational visits and sanitise children and staff hands after travelling on public transport and being in a public place, such as a museum. If possible on arrival at the destination the children are to wash their hands.
- Staff must report any children to SLT if they are concerned regarding any cold-like symptoms.
- As a member of staff if you are concerned regarding your cold like symptoms phone 111 and follow the advice given from the Corona Virus Helpline.
- Staff to ensure children have access to tissues if required.

Cleaners will daily disinfect with sprays and wipes:

- All door handles and door plates.
- All tables in classrooms
- All stair rails
- All telephones, both the phone part and the set it sits on
- All toilet door handles and rails and taps
- Once a week check stock for sufficient soap, tissues and hand towels .

The leadership team will continue to monitor and follow the advice that is given out by Public Health England, the DfE and the Catholic Education Service.

As has been stipulated - there is no need to panic or raise alarm. If you have any concerns in school then please be discreet and speak with a member of the leadership team in the first instance.

Our aim is to continue to operate as normally as possible within the guidance of the DfE and Public Health England. If there are any further changes to our practices then we will keep you informed.