

**Headteacher: Mr D Childs**

Dear Parent/Carers,

We recognise there is a lot of concern around the Coronavirus (now called COVID-19). At Ryarsh Primary School, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing guidance from Public Health England on steps you should be taking. There's currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments.

The best thing to do is to keep yourselves updated at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>, and encourage good handwashing in your family.

You may want to consider medical advice if you've recently travelled to the UK from somewhere with a higher risk of coronavirus. This list of countries is being updated regularly and up to date advice for travellers, including advice about travelling abroad can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-travellers/>

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus and other diseases. In school, we will continue to promote basic hygiene practices to stem the spread of all viruses such as regularly washing hands with hot water and soap, for 20 seconds.

We will be talking to all classes about the virus and using the following article from the BBC to help make sure that are dealing with the situation as calmly and practically as possible: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51734855>

We will continue to be guided by advice from the Department of Education, Public Health England and the Local Authority on the matter. We will notify you immediately should there be any changes to the situation.

Kind regards,

Daniel Childs