

# HEDDON-ON-THE-WALL ST. ANDREW'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## Re: Coronavirus Concerns

I am writing with regards to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK and now in the Newcastle area. At Heddon-on-the-Wall St. Andrew's CE Primary, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously and we hope that you will support us by following the Public Health England guidance.

**There is currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and rest assured that we are keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus.**

At School it is very important that we do not create unnecessary panic amongst the children. We have not spoken to the younger children specifically about the virus but we are encouraging all children to maintain good personal hygiene. We are encouraging them to wash their hands for 20 seconds at regular intervals throughout the day.

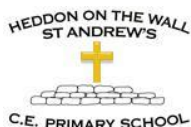
If they have a cough we are asking them to cough into a tissue, which are freely available in all classrooms, if they need to and to then put it straight in the bin.

We are displaying the NHS 'Catch it, kill it, bin it' and NHS handwashing posters around school to remind the children of the procedure. These posters are very easy for the children to understand.

In addition we are giving the children named pencils and pens to limit the number of essential items shared in classrooms.

At home please ensure that you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or with an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart.  
Colossians 3:23



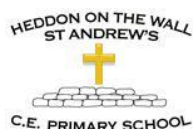
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home;
- If you are worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

The School receives regular updates from Public Health England and will implement all recommendations advised.

If you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to contact the School.

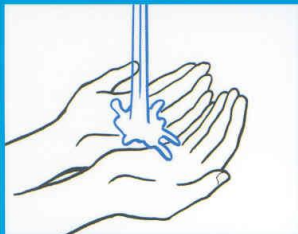
Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Wheatley  
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# Wet

**NHS**



# Soap



# Wash



# Rinse



# Dry

Stop germs spreading.  
The power is in your hands.

Have you washed your germs away? Wash your hands.

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# CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



# BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

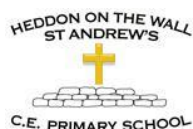


# KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



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