



## Moorlands Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the latest government advice for schools regarding Coronavirus (COVID -19).

Up to date guidance from the Department from Education can be found [here](#)<sup>(1)</sup>

### **Monitoring and Self-isolation**

The latest advice following the Governments COBRA meeting yesterday is that from today if any pupil or staff member presents with a cough or high temperature, they should stay at home for 7 days. Other symptoms to look out for are shortness of breath or cold or flu like symptoms.

We would ask you please to keep your children off from school until they are fully better and clear of all symptoms and report their absence via the usual reporting route. You will be naturally concerned about your child's attendance but due to the current national and global situation, we need to follow the advice given.

This does not mean that they have Coronavirus (COVID -19) however, it is just taking further precautions to ensure that we are not passing on any further illnesses to pupils, students and staff as we are all aware that this is the seasonal period for colds and flu.

Please continue to follow the general advice with regards to hand-washing and hygiene and please call 111 if you have any medical concerns. The Department for Education are also operating a free helpline 0800 046 8687 Monday to Friday 8 am – 6 pm if parents do have other concerns or questions as well.

### **Online learning and alternative provision**

While the current advice is to remain open and continue with the education of our young people, the academy has been putting in place contingency plans. If staffing levels fall below what is the recommended guidelines to ensure the safety and welfare of our young people, then the academy are reviewing alternative methods of teaching and learning.

Access to e-learning and web-based provision along with a reduced timetable are being reviewed. Please keep checking our Facebook page and app messages to ensure you are kept up to date with any developments.