



Kings Meadow School

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Dear parents/carers

As you will be aware, there is a lot of information in the press regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus. At Kings Meadow School, we are following the advice and guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England.

There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of this and other viruses. We have shared these with the children and would suggest that you talk these through with your child at home too:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport.
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#)
- pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - at breaks and after sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell

BBC Newsround is a good source of child-friendly information to share with your child if they have questions or worries.

Further guidance to the general public on the COVID-19 virus can be accessed through the link: below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

There is also a helpline if you have further questions:

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