



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 13th March 2020

The government has been very clear that we should not be closing schools at this point because of coronavirus and all DLAT schools will continue to be open until we are advised by the Department for Education to do otherwise. All our schools are following the latest guidance about how to reduce the risk of infection spreading. Information from the BBC about the simple steps families can take to limit the spread of coronavirus is available [here](#).

It is normal at this time of year for there to be bugs circulating within schools and so if staff or pupils are not attending school it may well be for reasons other than coronavirus.

The latest government advice is that the most common symptoms of coronavirus are **recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature**. The advice states that from what has been seen so far children with COVID-19 appear to be less severely affected however if your child develops symptoms they need to stay at home for 7 days from the onset of their symptoms.

For further information on this point see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If government advice changes, we will update this note and if we are advised to close schools we will give additional information including how children and families will be supported to continue learning at home.

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