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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Coronavirus – what you need to know**

Dundee City Council, our neighbouring local authorities, partner agencies across Scotland and Scottish Government are well prepared for dealing with the recent outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). There are well-rehearsed procedures in place to deal with the virus and any impacts it may have on our schools and communities.

To date, we have had no cases of COVID-19 in any Dundee school. As ever, our first concern is for the safety and well-being of pupils and staff, so all our staff are following the latest guidance provided by Health Protection Scotland, which has published specific guidance on [www.hps.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk) to assist those in schools, early years childcare and other educational settings. This page will be updated as more information emerges.

Specifically we are:

- Encouraging children to wash hands regularly, over and above our usual practice. Please note that the current advice is that hand washing with soap and water offers the best protection, with hand sanitisers only being used if 60 percent alcohol and where soap and water is not available
- Distributing the NHS advice posters throughout schools and in all staff rooms
- Reviewing any planned school trips to ensure that these do not involve any high risk area and taking latest travel advice into consideration
- Keeping in regular contact with Scottish Government, the NHS and other partner agencies to ensure that we have the latest and best advice and information

The latest updates on public health advice for coronavirus can be found on the [www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus](http://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus) website and a free helpline has been set up for those who do not have symptoms but are looking for general health advice: 0800 028 2816.

The general public has a vital role to play in helping to contain any outbreak by following the latest health advice and by following basic hygiene precautions, such as washing hands frequently, not touching their face and covering their nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

For anyone who is planning to travel abroad during the Easter holidays, guidance can be found on [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk). Where a COVID-19 risk is identified, country pages will be updated.

Please be assured that across Dundee City Council we are doing all we can to contain this virus, that our children and young people are protected and that they can continue to enjoy their learning in a healthy and safe environment.

If you have any further queries or require more information, please visit [www.NHSinform.scot/coronavirus](http://www.NHSinform.scot/coronavirus)

Yours sincerely

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