



## **ICKBURGH SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Coronavirus update**

Please find on the following page a summary of the measures we have put in place in our approach to keeping pupils and staff members safe.

We understand that you may be particularly concerned if your son/daughter has an underlying health condition. If this is the case, please contact your GP for further advice. If you decide to keep your son/daughter at home at this time, please call the school and we can agree a course of action, including daily welfare calls and a regular review of your plans.

Yours

Joe Sieber  
Headteacher

## Coronavirus measures

**If pupils, visitors and staff members show symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, they will be directed to stay at home and not leave the house for 7 days from when their symptoms started.**

Symptoms include a high temperature and a new, continuous cough.

For further guidance, please read below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

**Pupils, visitors and staff members avoiding school until they have been 14 days and symptom-free if they have visited a Category 1 OR Category 2 country/region.**

If you become in this position and recognise symptoms in yourself, son/daughter or family member, please use the NHS 111 online Coronavirus service or call 111 and notify the school as soon as possible. These countries/regions are summarised on the following page.

**Pupils, visitors and staff members avoiding school until they have been 14 days and symptom-free if they have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus.**

If you become in this position and recognise symptoms in yourself, son/daughter or family member, please use the NHS 111 online Coronavirus service or call 111 and notify the school as soon as possible.

**If a staff member or pupil is diagnosed with the coronavirus we will close the school at the end of the day until further notice.**

The staff member or pupil is unlikely to receive this diagnosis whilst in school, but if they did so we would ensure they were separated and left the school site safely as soon as possible. You would be notified by text message (or a phone call if text messaging is not available) and be given the option of collecting your son/daughter as soon as possible. Transport would collect pupils at the end of the school day as normal. During the closure, the length of which would be informed by advice from Public Health and Hackney Learning Trust, we would call you each day to check on your welfare and the welfare of your son/daughter. You would also receive regular updates about when the school will reopen.

**Taking pupils' temperature on arrival each morning until further notice.**

As recommended by Hackney Learning Trust, we will take pupils' temperatures but do so in a sensitive and supportive way, and ensure that pupils' dignity is kept paramount. If pupils are finding the experience distressing we will stop immediately and talk with you about how we proceed. We have the thermometers available to do this in a safe and hygienic manner. If your son/daughter is identified as having a high temperature we will call you to collect as soon as possible, and they will be kept separate from the rest of the school population but in a safe and comfortable environment and with staff support throughout. In this situation, and once home with your son/daughter, please use the NHS 111 online Coronavirus service or call 111 and keep the school updated. We recognise that a high temperature does not mean a pupil is certain to have the coronavirus, but this is an extra-precaution to keep pupils safe.