



To all Parents and Carers,

Re. Coronavirus update

I understand the level of concern this national issue has generated in our school and local community and we want to provide you with the latest advice and guidance. I appreciate this a time of uncertainty and the media has been full of stories around school closures. The stance from all parties is very much for schools to remain open and deal with each case as it arrives. This is in line with the national guidance previously shared. However, this is a very fluid situation and we cannot say with any level of certainty what actions may be taken by the school in the future.

Developments regarding COVID-19 are continuing to be carefully monitored by Public Health England (PHE) and there is currently a national approach in place with PHE and the NHS leading. Dr. Liz Robin, Director for Public Health across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is involved in local planning, and our Service Director for Education, Jonathan Lewis is working closely with her.

As the situation changes, the official guidance changes and we must therefore direct you to online advice. The guidance from PHE at the time of writing is very clear in relation to students and staff returning from trips to specified countries including northern Italy. I politely urge all parents and carers at Rackham to please read the information on this website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The [public advice](#) from PHE provides more information on the situation, including travel advice.

The DfE have set up a helpline offering guidance for anyone with education related questions - from early years up to universities, plus parents. Details are below.

Finally, please may I ask for all parents to be mindful of our duty to protect those within our community who are vulnerable to this disease. It is extremely important that everyone regularly washes their hands. All children are expected to wash their hands upon entry to school, throughout the day at regular points and again before leaving school. Please reinforce this message to your children at home.

We will keep you informed when the situation or status changes.

Kind regards,

