

Friday 13th March 2020

Dear parent and carers,

There continues to be a lot of media coverage about the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We would like to reassure you that at Ark Evelyn Grace Academy we are taking all the necessary steps to protect our community and minimise any risk. As announced by the UK Government yesterday evening, schools are not advised to close and therefore we will be open as normal and breakfast club, enrichment and Y11 mastery will take place as normal.

The measures we have taken are:

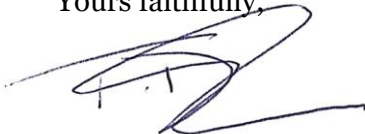
- We have hand sanitiser distributed around the building. All visitors to EGA are being asked to use sanitiser as they arrive to reception.
- Our cleaners are ensuring that high-touch points (door handles, light switches, bathroom and canteen surfaces, desks) are cleaned on a daily basis to prevent the spread of bacteria and infections. We intend to carry out a full deep clean of the school over the Easter break.
- We are encouraging staff and students to wash their hands frequently as per NHS advice. We are doing regular checks of toilets to ensure that soap is stocked.
- We have reviewed and updated our Contingency Plan.
- The Public Health England posters are up in every toilet, PE changing room, food servery area and offices. The NHS animation is on a loop on our digital screens.
- We are acting on advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England which continues to state that schools are to remain open.

We ask that every student washes their hands thoroughly throughout the day. Please also encourage them to do so before they leave home for school and after the return home.

Should this situation change, all updates will be sent via email, text message or on the school website. Please ensure you check these regularly.

If you have any additional concerns, please contact the academy and ask to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Russell Dunscombe, Operations Manager.

Yours faithfully,



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Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



1

Wet your hands.



2

Put soap on
your hands.



3

Rub the soap over all
parts of your hands for
at least 20 seconds.



4

Rinse your
hands under
running water.



5

Dry your hands thoroughly
with disposable paper towel
or hand dryer.

Stay germ free and healthy

Protect yourself and your family

Cover your cough and sneeze



1

COVER your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Put your used tissue in the rubbish **BIN**.

2



3

If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, **NOT YOUR HANDS**.

WASH your hands with soap and running water. Dry your hands thoroughly with a disposable paper towel or hand dryer.

4



Stay germ free and healthy