



## QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Covid-19 guidance for educational settings advises that students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:

- before leaving home
- on arrival at school
- after using the toilet
- after breaks and sporting activities
- before food preparation
- before eating any food, including snacks
- before leaving school
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

We have increased the number of sanitisers around the school.

*Our school has **no confirmed cases** that we are aware of but we are continually monitoring the situation.*

### **Outcome of the Cobra meeting on 12 March 2020**

- The UK has now entered the delay phase where the objective is to seek to slow down the spread of the virus so society is better able to cope.
- State schools such as ours remain open and can only close on the express direction and instruction from the Department for Education.
- New guidelines have been issued advising that if you have coronavirus symptoms, however mild, either a new continuous cough or a high temperature you should stay at home for at least 7 days to protect others and help slow the spread of the disease.

*Please note that if you make the decision to keep your child at home you must make us aware of the reason and their symptoms as we need to be able to monitor the situation across the school and record absence in line with Department for Education requirements.*

- In addition, the Government has advised schools and colleges not to take children under 18 on overseas trips until further notice.

The Association of British Insurers (ABI) has produced information on travel insurance implications following the COVID-19 outbreak and we are presently seeking clarity with a view to submitting claims to obtain refunds from with ABTA via the tour companies and/or our insurance provider (the Government's RPA). As parents have paid for the overseas trips planned for April, even though the trips are unlikely to run, we will not cancel without understanding the implications of cancelling and the constraints of the insurance.

UK visits are currently unaffected, but we will review and update all risk assessments and take advice from Evolve (our risk assessment advisers) and the Department for Education to ensure that the latest health measures are in place.

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