

Our ref: CH/19/20

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Dear Parents/Carers

Like many other organisations, all the schools in the Nene Education Trust are currently making contingency plans for the unfortunate event that we have to make changes to our provision as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

At present we do not have any reported positive cases in our schools but we have been made aware of some pupils and/or their families returning from travelling abroad. If indeed you have done so or do have such plans, please make sure that your child's school is aware so that the right advice can be given.

In the event of any change to the current situation and status at any school, we will continue to follow both Government, Department for Education and Public Health England advice, which would also include advice around any potential school closure.

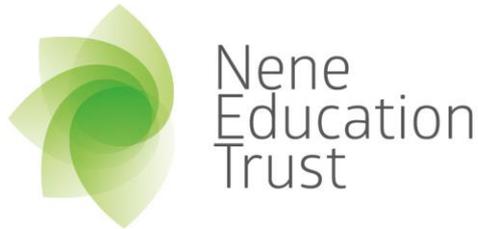
As we (unfortunately) can't predict the future, we do not know whether schools are likely to close in the coming weeks. We will update you regularly with latest advice and individual schools will let you know how your child's learning can continue at home. All of our schools are currently putting plans in place for this. These plans will be shared with you directly by each school in the upcoming days.

Hopefully this situation will not arise, but we also hope that this information will be useful in the event of any advised school closure.

To reiterate, at all times we will follow the advice and guidance provided by the Government in general, Public Health England and the Department for

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Education with decisions that impact on educational settings in particular. The DfE have set up a helpline as follows:

**Department for Education coronavirus helpline**

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email:

[DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

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

As it stands today we expect staff and students to be in school unless they are showing symptoms, in which case they should contact NHS 111 and follow the advice including self-isolation where necessary. Please contact your child's school directly in these circumstances.

We will keep you posted.

Yours sincerely

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