

# St Charles RC Primary School

## COVID-19 Infection Control Policy 2020



*Our mission at St. Charles RC Primary School is to try and centre our life in Jesus Christ, the spiritual foundation of our community.*

*We aim to pass on the faith we share in partnership with you.*

*We want the children in our care to grow and develop to their full potential within a caring Catholic community which recognises fully their true worth and God given talents. We look forward to working with you in a spirit of mutual trust and support.*

*We take pride belonging to St. Charles RC Primary School.*

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**As a family of God, we love to learn and learn to love**

### **Introduction**

From 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020, parents were asked to keep their children at home, wherever possible and for schools to remain open only for those children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response – who absolutely need to attend. From June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 some children will return to school.

## Key contacts

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## Coronavirus (COVID-19): infection control measures

This policy outlines the preventative measures the school has put in place in order to minimise the spread of infection, in the event of an outbreak within the school. As a school we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously and as per the advice from the government, the school has taken the following actions for infection control:

- Putting up coronavirus infection control measures information posters around the school
- Encouraging good hygiene by promoting the importance of handwashing for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap in the following circumstances: - 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
- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away
- Ensuring frequently touched objects and surfaces are cleaned and disinfected more regularly than usual
- Calling NHS 111 if someone becomes unwell and isolating any unwell people in a separate room
- Advising people who have returned from category 1 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days to self-isolate for 14 days before they return to school
- Advising people who have returned from category 2 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days to stay at home if they develop symptoms – the full list of category 1 and category 2 countries can be found on the government website.
- Completed a Coronavirus risk assessment

As an important part of our school community, we would ask that you encourage good infection control practices, such as thorough handwashing, at home and keep your child

informed about the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection. Unless your child has tested positive for the coronavirus (and hasn't been exposed to anyone with the virus), they should attend school as usual (unless they are too unwell due to an unrelated illness), as per the current government advice. If you think your child may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, please contact the school office at the earliest opportunity. We would like to reiterate that these are only preventative measures, in place to anticipate any occurrences of coronavirus within the school.

**Public Health England**

## Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

### How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

### How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

### If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

### How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

**If you need to cough or sneeze**

- Catch it** with a tissue
- Bin it**
- Kill it** by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

**You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser**

- After breaks & sport activities
- Before cooking & eating
- SCHOOL ETC.
- After using the toilet
- Before leaving home

- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles
- If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels

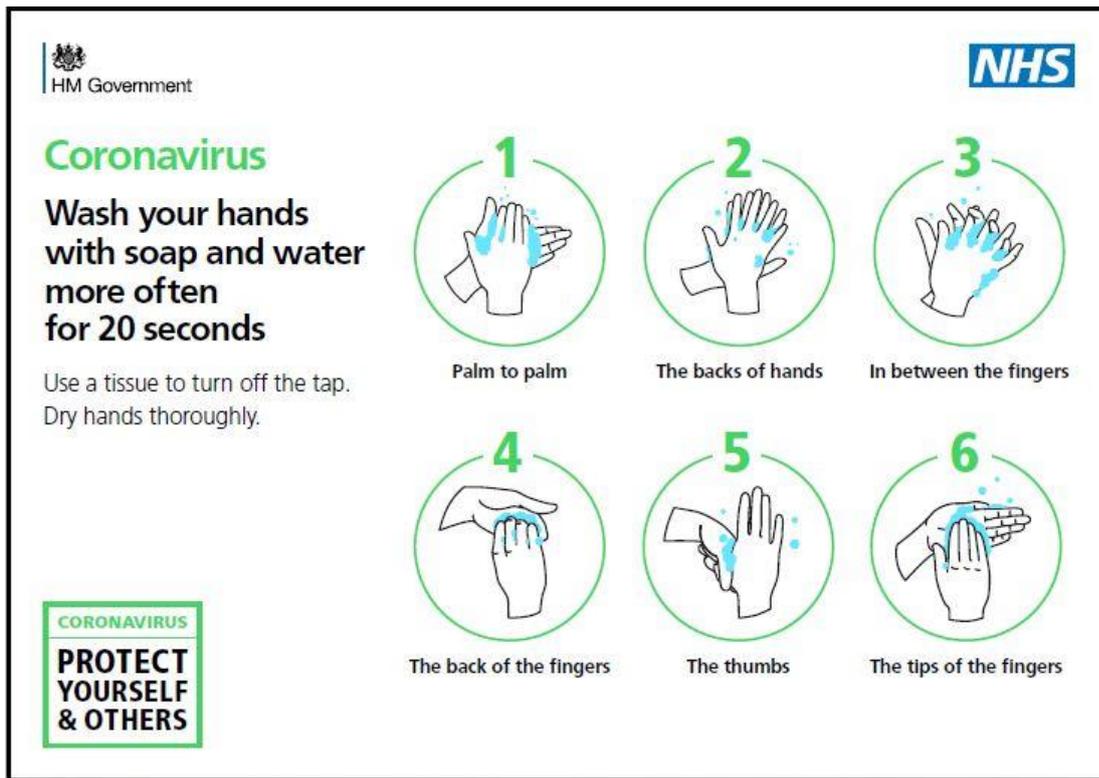
Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

### What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days. If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice. Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

## Measures we are taking in school

We have significantly increased the cleaning of the school building. Our hand washing areas remain well-stocked and we have talked to all children about how to properly wash their hands, placing posters in key areas to remind us all to maintain good hygiene.



All visitors and staff have been asked to wash their hands on entry and exit of the school building. Classrooms and toilets will continue to receive additional cleaning throughout each day.

### If you become unwell

If you or any of your children become unwell and have symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19), which are recent onset of a:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

Please follow the Public Health England [Stay at Home Guidance](#)

Please inform us that you have symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) and that you are self-isolating so that we can take the correct action in school.

### In the event of school closure

School will remain open until we receive guidance to the contrary. Decisions regarding school closure will be communicated via this website, text and email and on Google Classroom.

We are preparing to provide work for your children should we have to close the school for any length of time and we feel that we are well prepared for this situation, with excellent learning platforms in place. We will use Google Classroom to enable staff to share home learning opportunities and we will also provide educational packs where appropriate.

## **Equal Opportunities**

St Charles RC Primary School has universal ambitions for every child, whatever their background or circumstances. Children learn and thrive when they are healthy, safe and engaged. In order to engage all children, cultural diversity, home languages, gender and religious beliefs are all celebrated.

Our curriculum includes a wide range of texts and other resources which represent the diversity and backgrounds of all our children. We believe in 'valuing what the child brings to school' and recognise the importance of supporting a child's first language, not only to foster self-esteem, but to assist in the learning of English.