



# The Winchcombe School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Coronavirus COVID-19 – Update

We are aware that many of you will be concerned about this global Pandemic and are therefore writing to update you with The Winchcombe School's latest response to Cronavirus, COVID-19. We want to assure you that we are taking the situation seriously with a strong focus on student and staff well-being.

In line with the Department for Education and Public Health England guidance we will keep parents informed about their current advice. The following key information is as follows:

Dedicated helpline for students and parents is 0800 0468687 (Monday to Friday 8 am to 6 pm). You can also email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk) .

At school we are being proactive in helping the children to understand, through assemblies about the importance of washing their hands and staff constantly reminding them to do so before break and lunch times. Please remind your children at home to regularly wash their hands. Helpful videos can be found at: <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

At the moment the guidance states that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless they are told to do so by Public health England. We are however, preparing for the possibility of a school closure. If this were to happen, parents and carers would be informed at the earliest possible opportunity, both in and outside of school hours, via the following platforms:

- Teachers to Parents Text service
- Email (please ensure the office have your up to date email address).
- School Website

It is a priority that we continue to support pupils in their education. If the school were to close, pupils would be able to continue their education, and we are preparing for this eventuality. We would provide you with more details of this should the need arise.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

