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Dear Parents / Carers,

If your child develops suspected symptoms, such as a continuous cough and/or a high temperature, they should stay at home for seven (7) days. School should be notified in the usual way and further advice will be delivered at, and in response to, each individual case. We will record this as Medical absence and it will not impact on your attendance figures.

If you are concerned and make the decision to keep them at home please ring school to advise length of absence and their attendance will be recorded as medical.

I have included some government guidance below

Yours Faithfully

Paul Silvester

Headteacher

Understanding the warning signs for Coronavirus. Keeping everyone safe.
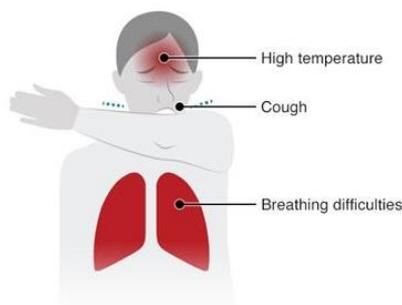
Symptoms
The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:
- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

Coronavirus: Key symptoms
- High temperature
- Cough
- Breathing difficulties
Source: NHS   BBC

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The Corona virus outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation. Newman school remains open, however we appreciate that the situation is changing daily and we are committed to keeping you abreast of what we are doing in our schools and as a Special School with a range of vulnerable children in these exceptional and extraordinary times. Our top priority is the safety of our pupils and staff.

Since the UK has moved to its next stage in fighting against the pandemic, we urge our parents and carers and staff to follow the Public Health England Guidance and only use NHS 111 online service if suffering from the symptoms and those symptoms become difficult to manage and cope with, get worse or do not go after seven (7) days. In an emergency (life threatening) situation, dial 999.

We will continue to monitor the situation and make decisions based on the latest advice provided by Public Health England and the Department for Education.

Guidance for good hygiene, which remains our best defence, is as follows:
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – for at least 20 seconds.
- Always wash your hands when you transition from one workspace to another or home.
- Use hand sanitizer if and when soap and water are not available.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Place used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands after using.
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

Alternatively for more information:
- NHS 111 Online Service https://111.nhs.uk/service/COVID-19/
- NHS health advice https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus=codid19/
- Public Health England