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**An inclusive community where all children enjoy their learning and achieve their full potential**

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## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – SCHOOL WILL REMAIN OPEN**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the government announcement this afternoon, the **school will be remaining open** for the foreseeable future. At this time, we have not been informed of any reason why we should need to close the school. There are currently no confirmed cases of Coronavirus from any pupils or staff at Hatchell Wood Primary Academy.

The school receives daily updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England. The below links provide further guidance:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If a pupil begins to develop the symptoms of Coronavirus (a new continuous cough, high temperature, shortness of breath), parents should contact NHS 111 to seek medical advice and inform the school.

In the event of a confirmed case, the NHS and Public Health England will advise parents and the school on the course of action to take. The academy is reviewing the government's guidance daily, and will take all necessary action to protect the students and staff by taking advice from Public Health England, the NHS and the Department for Education.

### **The importance of hygiene**

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

### **How to wash your hands properly**

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water.

Watch this short NHS film for guidance:

[The Importance of Hygiene](#)

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*Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child, please telephone 01302 737777*



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

J Harris  
Headteacher