

# St. Gerard's Catholic Primary and Nursery School



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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware there have been many recent reports in the media about the Coronavirus and the spread throughout various countries. You may be interested to know what we are doing as a school, to keep your children safe. As well as our usual routines, all staff have been working together to ensure we follow any updated advice from Public Health England. I have summarised our actions below:

- Mr Webb and the cleaning team have added additional cleaning of equipment into their daily routine of cleaning all surfaces that are touched throughout the day;
- The lunch time staff and breakfast club staff are carrying out additional cleaning of the hall areas;
- The teachers are continuing to remind children to wash or sanitize their hands throughout the day and are teaching the children the importance of hygiene;
- We have recently purchased additional sanitiser (non-alcoholic) for children to use.

**Please inform your child's class Teacher or the School Office if you do not wish your child to use hand gel.**

## **Current Information about the virus**

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group coronavirus are common across the world. COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhun City, China in January 2020.

The incubation period of COVID-19 is between 2 and 14 days. This means that if a person remains well 14 days after contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus, it is unlikely that they have been affected.

The following symptoms may develop in the 14 days after exposure to someone who has COVID-19 infection:

- Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- Fever

Generally these infections can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune symptoms, older people and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease. There is no evidence that children are more affected than any other age group – very few cases have been reported in children.

The advice from Public Health England is changing daily and we will keep you updated should we receive further information.

Please be assured that our school will continue to take the health and safety of our children seriously at all times.

We will keep you updated with any relevant information on the Coronavirus as necessary.

**Mr K. Landrum  
Headteacher**

