

March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to reassure you that schools are receiving regular updates from the DfE regarding the coronavirus COVID-19 and that we are taking measures to safeguard students and staff using the current information.

At Great Barr Academy we take the health of our school community very seriously and as such have increased our promotion of good hygiene (and, in particular, regular handwashing which is known to be one of the best forms of defence against viral transmission). We have plenty of soap dispensers in school and these are being checked regularly. Our cleaners are working hard to ensure all surfaces are thoroughly cleaned daily including door handles and classroom furniture.

We would be grateful if you would discuss the need for increased handwashing for a minimum duration of 20 seconds with your child. In addition, the use of tissues to catch sneezes or coughs, which are then binned, is advised. Finally, we ask all parents to communicate with us if you, your child or relatives/friends living in your household become ill with symptoms of coronavirus.

The DfE have set up a help line to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the help line as follows if you would like further information:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

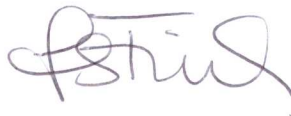
Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

If there are any further significant developments regarding the situation in school, we will update our advice to you accordingly.

Yours faithfully



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