

# Ryders Hayes School



**A Primary Learning Academy – “Child Centred, Learning Focused”**

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Dear Parent,

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We wanted to assure you that we are taking the matter seriously in terms of minimising the risk to pupils, parents and staff. We are receiving frequent updates from The Department for Education (DfE) and have also been in touch with our Health and Safety Advisers.

Staff were briefed yesterday about our new protocols for regular handwashing and use of hand sanitiser, three times a day, in the classroom, and posters have been put up in the toilets to remind children about the importance of thorough handwashing with soap (which is actually more effective than hand- sanitiser.)

You will also notice that you will be asked to use the hand sanitiser when entering the school building, and that we have also taken advice to stop shaking children’s and adults’ hands temporarily (although you are just as welcome as always!)

Should you wish your child to use their own sanitiser, kept in their locker, then they are able to do so, but under COSHH regulations, the sanitiser we provide can only be administered by a member of staff and not left out for children’s general use. We will not take responsibility for any mislaid containers.

We are reminding the children of the NHS recommended hand-washing routine:

Wet your hands with water. Apply enough soap to cover your hands. Rub your hands together. Use 1 hand to rub the back of the other hand and clean in between the fingers. Rub your hands together and clean in between your fingers. Rub the back of your fingers against your palms. Rub your thumb using your other hand.

You may also wish to practise this at home.



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The other general advice is to use a tissue for sneezes and coughs and then bin the tissue immediately. Should a tissue not be available then sneezing in to the crook of your elbow is safest. Try to help your child to avoid touching their eyes nose or mouth.

The DfE have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

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

We will keep you regularly updated about any further advice or guidance.

Thank you, as always, for your support and cooperation.

Sally Miner

Head Teacher of Ryders Hayes School  
And Teaching School

