

Hayle Academy

Dear Parents/ Carers

With lots of media coverage of the impact of the continuing spread of Coronavirus, the Department for Education has launched a new helpline for schools and parents, to help answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. The helpline is for school staff, parents and young people: 0800 046 8687 or email dfc.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk. Telephone support is available from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

The Department of Education have also confirmed that "no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England". Please be reassured that we will continue to liaise and take guidance from both the Department for Education and Public Health England with regards to the virus and will fully implement any advice we are given over coming weeks and months. The school has the full support of Governors and the Trust in managing any risk from COVID-19 and to continuing to provide for the education and welfare of our students.

All the advice we are receiving emphasises the importance of good hygiene in limiting the spread of any possible infection. Hand hygiene is of particular importance and we would very much appreciate the support of parents in discussing this with children to make sure they understand how they can protect their own health and that of others by washing their hands regularly and carefully. We are advised that soap and water (used properly) are just as effective as 'hand gel' and we will be asking all our students to pay particular attention to their hand hygiene.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support: as always, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff if you have any questions or would like further advice or support about your child's education.

Yours faithfully

Dan Mather
Headteacher

The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19. Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.



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