

Letter from the Director of Public Health

Sheffield's Director of Public Health, Greg Fell, has written the attached letter for school to share with parents.

If any cases are confirmed which are linked to an individual school then **Public Health England would direct the situation and control what needs to be done.** The DfE recently confirmed that **"No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England."**

Use 111

For anyone concerned that they may have contracted COVID-19 we encourage them to **use the NHS 111 online checking tool** which can be found at <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19> This easy to use tool takes people through a series of questions and, then, provides clear advice at the end of the process.

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

<p>If you need to cough or sneeze</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catch it with a tissue Bin it Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser	<p>You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After breaks & sport activities Before cooking & eating SCHOOL ETC. After using the toilet Before leaving home	
<p> Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands</p>	<p> Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles</p>	<p> If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels</p>

Please continue to check information directly from the following websites:

DfE advice page:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

NHS advice pages:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://111.nhs.uk/service/covid-19>

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

Foreign Office travel advice page:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>