



13th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Assurance Letter

I wanted to write to assure you that Ormiston Denes Academy is following the latest advice from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education, to ensure the health and wellbeing of our whole academy community, which is, as always our top priority.

We currently have no specific concerns about anyone within our academy community in relation to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the academy remains open as usual, as advised by the government.

We are of course being extra vigilant and encouraging the whole academy community to continue taking additional precautions, including maintaining high levels of personal hygiene, regularly washing hands and following the *Catch it, Bin it, Kill it* advice when sneezing or coughing. As you would expect, we already promote these practices within the academy and we would appreciate your support in continuing to encourage the same at home.

The academy will continue to follow the latest government guidance and keep this under review. This includes providing hand sanitiser within the academy, advice posters displayed in communal areas and continuing to undertake additional regular cleaning of handrails, door handles and other contact points throughout the academy.

We would also encourage you to closely monitor the health of your child (ren) and if they show any symptoms (new continuous cough, and/or high temperature), your child should be kept at home and not attend the academy for 7 days.

You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation and do not go to your GP surgery. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation and/or you are no better after 7 days, then contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999. You can also get advice online at <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>. If you are self-isolating your child, we would also ask that you notify the academy immediately, to allow to us to take any necessary steps.

As an academy, we take our duty of care extremely seriously and we will keep you updated on any further developments should the need arise. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Mr Jim Nixon
Principal

