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Dear Parents/Carers

We continue to take advice from the Department of Education and Public Health England on the coronavirus outbreak. There are no changes to how we are operating.

Helpline

As communicated previously, The Department for Education have launched a helpline to answer any questions about COVID-19:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

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

Exam Preparation & Ofqual Statement

Ofqual continues to work closely with exam boards, other regulators and the Department for Education to plan for a range of scenarios, as the public would expect. Our overriding priorities are fairness to students this summer and keeping disruption to a minimum. Read full statement here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/updated-statement-on-coronavirus>

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.

Please can you re-iterate the message from Public Health at home that the most important thing we can do is wash our hands regularly using soap and water. Students will be reminded in tutor time to wash their hands after going to the toilet and in addition the guidance also says you should wash hands when you arrive in school, after PE and before eating. When you get home at the end of the day wash your hands again.

Kind regards

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