



# BARWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear families,

You may have noticed that I was not shaking hands on the front door this morning which has made me very sad. Although official guidance has not recommended that we stop shaking hands at this point, it is impossible for me to sanitise my hands in between each shake!

I am getting daily updates from the Department of Education and following all of their advice to help keep our children and staff as healthy as possible. I know that what is being reported on Social Media can be a little scary and there is lots of misinformation being shared so I urge families to use official websites for updates. The following two links are useful to keep you up to date on what is happening and advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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

As a school community, we can do our part by following the Public Health England advice and have good hygiene practices that can prevent the spread of infection. The latest advice states that children, staff and visitors to school should wash their hands with soap and water or use a sanitiser gel:

- before leaving home
- on arrival at school
- after using the toilet
- after breaks and sporting activities
- before food preparation
- before eating any food, including snacks
- before leaving school

We have got additional hand sanitiser dispensers and staff are promoting their use. We have also reinforced the importance of good hygiene in collective worship.

It is also important that we:

- carry tissues and use them to catch coughs or sneezes
- place dirty tissues in the bin

It would be really helpful if you could discuss these hygiene practices with your child and stress their importance. It is also really important that families and staff adhere to the government's advice for returning travellers or those that have been in contact with recent travellers. As the world situation is rapidly changing, rather than list advice here, please use the above link to find the latest guidance.

Please remember, if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child, please call NHS 111.

Kind regards

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