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Dear Parents/Carers

I felt it necessary to write to you as the information about Coronavirus is dominating the national news. In addition, you may have had an NHS text, like myself, providing further information. Therefore, as this is in the public domain I wanted to communicate with you.

Just to reassure you that we are monitoring the Coronavirus situation daily. We have not had any reports or issues whatsoever linking this to the Academy or local area. The Trust are also supporting and monitoring the situation.

I am receiving guidance from the Department of Education, which is updated daily, and we are responding to this.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

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

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

If anyone has returned from one of the above areas can you please contact me on info@failsworth.coop and title it F.A.O Mr Quirk with and brief explanation and best contact number. We will provide advice on self isolation as per government guidelines. If you are planning a visit to one of these areas between now and the end of Easter could you also make us aware.

In addition, we are working with our building owners Kier on how to enhance cleaning procedures and in the event of an outbreak in the local area and what deep clean procedures we will take. Kier have already responded and I am confident in their routines.

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The following advice for staff and students will be displayed around the Academy.

- Wash your hands for approximately 30 seconds before you eat, after using the toilet, after breaks and sport activities
- If you need to cough or sneeze catch it with a tissue, bin the tissue and then wash your hands



The Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents, carers and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: dfc.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

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

Can I please stress this letter is for reassurance that we are monitoring the situation and we will be guided by government and Trust advice and where necessary we will take action to ensure all students and families are safe. The Academy will remain open unless we have specific reasons to consider alternatives.

Yours sincerely



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