



Serenity School

Serenity School Ltd 88 – 90 South End Road, Croydon, CR0 1DQ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The situation regarding the Coronavirus is concerning for us all so I wanted to update you on how we are approaching this issue at Serenity School. As Headteacher, I am receiving very regular advice and information from the Department of Education and from Croydon Borough Council.

The School will remain open at this time under the guidance of the Department for Education. However, please note the current situation is being taken very seriously and "the health and safety of our children and staff remain a top priority.

I can assure you that we are taking the situation seriously but that we do not need to cause undue alarm at this time.

The threat still remains low. It is important for the children that we remain calm and sensible. It is important that we work together as a school community to manage the situation.

The school has been advised by the Department for [Education](#) that it does not need to close or deep clean the site and everyone should continue to be vigilant with hand washing more frequently.

I understand that many parents and carers may have some concerns about the spread of Covid-19. As a result, the Government advice is for anyone showing symptoms to self-isolate and call NHS111 for further information. If there are no symptoms, students and staff should attend school as normal. Here is the public health blog, with guidance for families: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/02/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

We have taken precautionary measures as advised by the Department for Public Health. Our pupils are always reminded to wash their hands after using the toilets and before they have their lunch. There has been further information and advice on handwashing and being aware of how to stop the spread of infection through sneezes and coughs. The school has also placed additional hand sanitisers in key areas of the school and all pupils, staff and visitors are asked to use them regularly. We will continue to remind our pupils of the importance of this advice and ask you to do the same.

Our cleaning company continue to clean the school daily after school and our premises team regularly check and clean toilet areas as necessary during the school day.

We will continue to use assembly time and class time to reinforce the importance of washing our hands and sneezing into our elbows or a tissue to catch our sneezes and avoid touching our eyes nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

We will continue to keep you updated with the situation and any changes to the current arrangements.

Yours Sincerely,

Jude Onye

Headteacher