



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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Dear Families,

We have been continuously receiving guidance from the Lambeth Local Authority regarding the recent outbreak of the coronavirus.

The coronavirus continues to dominate the news and we are mindful of this in school. We have reminded students about the importance of applying those basic hygiene rules that are common to our daily practices, most importantly, regular hand washing.

As this is a rapidly changing situation, the most up to date information can be found on

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

The website is updated daily so you can check in for the latest information.

As half term approaches, we know that some families may be planning to travel and as a school, we take this opportunity to remind you of the things the people can do to help stop germs like coronavirus from spreading such as 'Catch It', 'Bin It', 'Kill It'.

- Catch It: always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze
- Bin It: bin the tissue
- Kill it: wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel

Families travelling overseas during half term should check the Foreign and Commonwealth Office travel advice. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

We encourage you to ensure that your child is up to date with their vaccinations against other vaccine preventable diseases (especially the MMR vaccine which protects against measles). You can contact your GP if you are unsure about your child's vaccination history.

Below are some links to the most up to date information:

Key source of information for the public:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Blog/FAQ for the public:

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

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

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your child contracting the coronavirus. There is no reason why your child should not continue to attend school as normal.

Have a safe and happy half term. If you have any concerns, please contact your GP.

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