



Cedar Mount Academy response to the coronavirus outbreak – 17th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We know that many parents and students are worried about coronavirus (COVID-19) and its impact, and we know you may have read different report in the media.

Cedar Mount Academy is open and will continue to be open unless Public Health England informs us that we should close, or if enough staff members are absent that it is unsafe to keep the school open. The government has **not** announced the mass closure of schools; this is, however, a fast moving situation and there are likely to be further changes.

Due to staff shortages students from Year 7 & 8 will remain at home. Further updates will be posted on social media pages and website <http://cedarmount.manchester.sch.uk>

Group/ Action	Wash hands more often	Household isolation for 14 days*	Self - isolation for 7 days**	Social mixing in the community***	Having friends and family to the house	Use remote access to NHS and essential services	Vary daily commute and use less public transport	Home working
0 – 69	Yes	Yes	Yes	Advised against	Advised against	Advised	Advised	Advised
70+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Strongly advised against	Strongly advised against	Strongly advised	Strongly advised	Strongly advised
Any age Member of vulnerable group with an underlying health condition ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Strongly advised against	Strongly advised against	Strongly advised	Strongly advised	Strongly advised
Pregnant women	Yes	Yes	Yes	Strongly advised against	Strongly advised against	Strongly advised	Strongly advised	Strongly advised
Those with serious underlying health conditions	As above, but further bespoke guidance will be provided by your GP next week							



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Social distancing

Social distancing measures are steps you can take to reduce the social interaction between people. This will help reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

They are:

1. Avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough;
2. Avoid non-essential use of public transport, varying your travel times to avoid rush hour, when possible; work from home, where possible.
3. Avoid large gatherings, and gatherings in smaller public spaces such as pubs, cinemas, restaurants, theatres, bars, clubs
4. Avoid gatherings with friends and family. Keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet, and social media.
5. Use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential services.

Everyone should be trying to follow these measures as much as is pragmatic.

If we suspect someone in school has contracted COVID-19

Current advice is that there is no need to close the school or send students or staff home, even if a student or staff member is suspected of contracting COVID-19.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19

If there is a confirmed case, a risk assessment will be undertaken by the school with advice from the local Health Protection Team. In most cases, closure of school will be unnecessary but this will be a local decision made by the leadership team of Cedar Mount and medical experts from the local Health Protection Team.

If the school is closed or partially closed

We will inform students of the need to stay at home, away from the school. Students should take this opportunity to complete the following work:

Students in years 7, 8 and 9 should work carefully through their knowledge organisers on a daily basis, attempting to memorise as much content as possible.

Students in year 10 should work through work packs that have been prepared.

Students in year 11 have been given revision pack to support their preparation for the GCSE exams. They should use this time to revise.

[Links to revision websites are on our website to support learning](#)

We will keep parents/carers and students updated via Twitter and the school website.

Hand washing advice

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

We suggest students follow this advice:

- students, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - 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



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- wash your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#)
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Stay at home for **14 days** if you have either:
 - a high temperature
 - a new continuous cough (persistent and regular)

If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, **please call NHS 111**. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

Please look after yourselves and feel free to contact us should you have any concerns

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