



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Q&A

1. What is the latest advice and guidance being given to all schools?

The Trust is closely monitoring the situation and is following Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) advice and instructions.

Updated information can be found here:

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

If you have specific queries relating to places of education there is a Department for Education coronavirus helpline:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE_coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

(Open 8am - 6pm Mon to Fri)

2. What action should you and people you live with be taking?

If your child or anyone in your household is exhibiting symptoms (a persistent cough and/or a temperature over 37.8°C) then everyone in the household must self-isolate for 14 days. Please do not send your child into school.

3. What action is the Laurus Trust taking?

We have postponed extracurricular activities and Secondary School Electives throughout the Trust. We are reducing the number of people coming on to our sites to essential staff and visitors.

We continue to promote good hand, respiratory and personal hygiene with staff and students.

We are communicating all updated advice to families and staff by email at the earliest opportunity in line with Public Health England guidelines.

Understandably, we have a number of staff who are also self-isolating so we are closely monitoring the situation to ensure we can safely operate the schools.

4. How will we avoid disruption to learning in the event of a long-term school closure?

In the event of a longer term government closure of all schools, plans are in place to provide students with work or to allow them access to online teaching resources. Additional measures are planned for students approaching examinations such as SATs, GCSEs and A Levels. Full information will be forwarded by the usual channels if this situation arises.

5. Will any of the planned educational visits (residential and non-residential) go ahead?

The Department for Education is currently advising against all overseas educational trips for children under 18. Please understand that the time period that this encompasses is hard to predict. All overseas and domestic educational trips and visits scheduled to take place in March and during the Easter holidays have been cancelled or postponed.

6. Will parents' evenings go ahead?

No. Following the latest government updates, parents' evenings are being postponed.

7. What should I do if I am concerned that I or a member of my family may have symptoms of the virus?

Please follow the current government advice here:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>