



## Thornhill Primary School Coronavirus Policy

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### **Introduction**

Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). A novel coronavirus (nCoV) is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans. Coronaviruses are zoonotic, meaning they are transmitted between animals and people.

The novel coronavirus is called 'novel' because it is new. It was first reported in December 2019 in Wuhan City in China.

In accordance with Regulation 3, the Secretary of State declares that the incidence or transmission of novel Coronavirus constitutes a serious and imminent threat to public health.

### **Symptoms**

Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death.

### **Prevention**

Standard recommendations to prevent infection spread include regular hand washing, covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, thoroughly cooking meat and eggs. Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing.

### **Advice for parents/carers**

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their school setting as normal.

The government continue to monitor the coronavirus situation and work with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and international community, and are ready to put in place precautionary measures should the need arise.

### **What action can you take**

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practises, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of virus.

You can do this by:

- Displaying this poster in relevant public spaces

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5e35b25740f0b609169cb52a/coronavirus-public-info-poster-2.pdf>

- Keeping aware of any updates by checking websites to include:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/wuhan-novel-coronavirus/>

<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>