



# Winterton Community Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Further to my communication earlier in the week, I am writing to provide you with an update in relation to the coronavirus.

After the advice given previously, a small number of our students who were feeling unwell did take the precaution to self-isolate whilst seeking further medical guidance. This was the correct and responsible thing to do and I would like to say thank you to those pupils and parents for following the guidelines. As a result and because some pupils had recently returned from Italy, the NHS guidance was, as a precaution, to test for the virus.

We have been advised that the results that have returned so far have tested negatively.

Whilst this is clearly positive news, I do ask that you remain vigilant in following the most recent guidelines and if you feel that your son / daughter is showing any of the symptoms, please keep them off school and seek further advice from NHS 111.

Whilst there are no cases of coronavirus confirmed within our school, there is always a risk of the spread of other infections such as influenza. I therefore ask that you speak to your child and ask that they take care to follow the NHS advice to carry tissues, to always catch coughs and sneezes and dispose of their tissues quickly and responsibly. Please also remind them of their responsibility to wash their hands frequently, particularly before eating and after visiting the toilet.

We will continue to maintain a heightened awareness and an emphasis on our cleaning routines within school to help reduce any risks.

In addition, I have taken the decision to cancel all non-essential trips and visits from the academy at this time and will continue to risk assess appropriately. Regrettably this includes the upcoming London trip for WE Day, however, I feel at this time and with so much uncertainty, it is in our best interests to cancel.

I would like to thank you for your support and understanding,

Kind regards,

Mr Rowlands  
Headteacher