



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We have no reported cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the school

Government Statement 12/03/2020:

The Government has announced that we have moved from the 'Contain' to 'Delay' phase of managing Coronavirus. It has said that schools will remain open at the moment. No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

There is new guidance relating to symptoms as follows; anyone with a cough or a high temperature, however mild, or who lives with anyone with those symptoms should stay at home for seven days. This action will help protect others in our school community and your community whilst you are infectious.

The Department for Education (DfE) have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 - *Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)*

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

COVID-19: stay at home guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

How to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home, to school or work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water is not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- **You do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.**

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In school, all pupils have been taught about the importance of effective hand washing (including the use of sanitisers), along with respiratory hygiene.

Our excellent cleaning team are concentrating on hygiene standards and focusing on frequently touched surfaces and objects:

- Door handles, push plates and WC cubicles
- Any touch screen devices and public use phones
- Furnishings and surfaces in visitor areas (reception lobbies etc.)
- Taps on all sinks around the site
- Toilet roll and hand towel dispensers etc.

From Monday we will provide disposable (and recyclable) paper cups for children's drinking water in class rather than the reusable Swift water bottles.

Place2Be is a children's mental health organisation and they have produced an excellent advice page on how to support children with concerns about coronavirus. In addition, there are useful video clips and a comic book page to explain to children some of the ways in which they can learn more about the virus.



https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2020/march/coronavirus-information-for-children/?utm_source=Place2Be+Staff&utm_campaign=debfo3caab-ceo_news_09_03_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2598107efc-debfo3caab-219734655

Our school will close if Public Health England or the Department for Education advise us to shut. Senior Leaders will liaise with the Local Authority and Ark regarding such a decision. We are working hard to ensure that our Emergency Preparedness Plan is in-place should such a decision be made.

Any decision to close the school would be communicated to families via our website, letter and school messaging system. Parents, please ensure that you have notified us of any change to your mobile number.

[Your child's education is important. If the school has to close, we will be setting learning for pupils to access at home](#)

Next week @ Ark Swift

Monday 16th March

9.00 Parent Coffee Morning in Lower Hall

Given current events, the session planned on Ofsted and School Improvement Planning will be rescheduled. Instead, if you'd like to pop in for coffee to discuss how we are managing and planning for the coronavirus pandemic, Mr Upfield and Mrs Kilyan would be delighted to see you.

Wednesday 18th March

9.00 Year 1 Bristol Class Assembly

Attendance

Attendance statistics for Attendance statistics for **Friday 6th March – Thursday 12th March 2020**

Class	Attendance
Nursery	98.4%
Year R Bath	93.5%
Year 1 Bristol	96.2%
Year 2 Manchester	96.5%
Year 3 Exeter	95%
Year 4 Sheffield	97.7%
Year 5 Warwick	97%
Year 5 Worcester	90.8%
Year 6 Durham	96.5%
Year 6 Loughborough	93.9%

Overall school attendance for the academic year to date: **95.1%**

We're -0.9% below our target of 96%.

Pyjamas for Koalas

Australia is facing the most dangerous and catastrophic bushfires they have ever seen. **Our recent 'pyjamas for koalas' day raised over £130**

In the coming months, we'll receive an update on how your vital donation aided the response, recovery and restoration of koalas and their habitats.

It is vital that our young people understand the global nature and climate crisis and what role they can play in helping.



KOALA PROTECTOR

Ark Swift Primary Academy

You're helping WWF to protect the future of Koalas and to tackle some of the biggest environmental challenges facing our natural world today. Thank you.

Paul De Ornellas
Chief Adviser- Wildlife, WWF-UK

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Sport @ Swift

Last Friday saw our girls and boys football teams play Flora Gardens in our 5th Mayors' Cup match of the year. Two very exciting and attacking games. Girls lost 1-0 and boys won 1-0. Our next game will be next Friday against Good Shepherd. Well done to both teams and our captains for the game Ayan (Year 6 Loughborough) and Hussein (Year 6 Durham)

Yesterday our year 3/4 athletics team competed in the Sportshall Athletics down at Sacred Heart School. Some fantastic displays of talent of course with our running teams placing 3/4 in most sprint races. Overall, we placed 8th in the Borough which was a fabulous effort. Well done to all those who took part!

Sports Leaders - Wow! What a response. Sports leaders for Year 5 and 6 will be chosen by next Friday. There's been so many wanting an application and to be honoured with this prestigious award.

Marathon Kids - please continue to fill in the permission slips so that your child's running progress can be monitored throughout the school year. Marathon Kids is a new running initiative we have at Ark Swift very much like The Daily Mile.

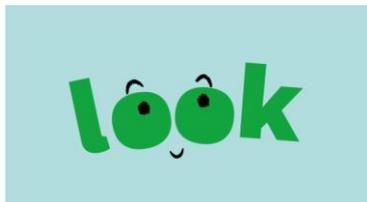
Ark Swift Inter-House Athletics Competition coming soon please watch this space!

Mr Blair



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