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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to provide continued reassurance to you about the impact of Coronavirus on school, college or residence

Please be assured that there remains no cause for concern at school, college or residence.

We continue to receive and comply with advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England, including advice specific to schools and residential settings/care homes, on how to respond to emerging issues in relation to the coronavirus.

The advice and guidance is updated regularly (currently daily) to respond to the changing situation. We are monitoring this closely and responding accordingly, including giving consideration to our course of action in the event that elements of Seashell Trust services are forced to close. Please keep up to date with the latest information at [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk).

The [Seashell Trust website](#) now includes a page that links to [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk). We will use this page to reinforce national updates and upload key actions taken by Seashell Trust as a result. In addition our text alert system is being refreshed to support our communications in relation to any changing situation.

We have also introduced a number of additional measures across the Trust as follows:

- Reinforcing the importance of good hand hygiene with all staff, ensuring availability of sanitizing gels and wipes across all departments and monitoring stock levels.
- Ensuring that our children and young people continue to develop an understanding of the importance of washing their hands and introducing new routines to our practice.
- Asking all visitors to Seashell Trust to wash their hands on arrival either at our main reception, in residences or on arrival at our sport facilities.
- Verifying measures that our 3rd party agencies have taken to ensure that their workforce is briefed about safe working practices.

The Department for Education has set up a Coronavirus helpline that parents and carers can contact to answer COVID-19 questions related to education. **The helpline is 0800 046 8687 and is available 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.**

Go to [NHS.UK/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) for information about the virus and how to protect yourself.

If you or your family have recently travelled to the affected areas please let the Trust know, tel. 0161 610 0100, email college.admin@seashelltrust.org.uk or school.admin@seashelltrust.org.uk.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.