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Latest Local Authority Statement

Statement about COVID-19 (coronavirus) for parents and carers

As you will be aware, there has been a lot of information in the news about coronavirus and school trips returning from Northern Italy after half-term.

Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst has closed today after a small number of pupils returning from a trip to Tarvisio, Italy showed flu-like symptoms and are now being tested for the virus. This area is classed as [Category 2](#) and is not one of the specified areas in Italy under containment measures.

To date, there have been no confirmed cases of coronavirus in either Solihull or the wider West Midlands.

Whilst we understand that the current situation is causing concern, there is no need for alarm. You do not need to keep your children away from school unless they have been to, or have been in contact with someone who has been to an affected part of Northern Italy or another affected part of the world **and** are displaying any flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing symptoms.

You can see the latest national information here:
We have also given all schools in Solihull a list of the most up to date national guidance.
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>.

There are some practical steps you can take to stop viruses:

Do

- 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 immediately
 - wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
 - try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Don't

- Touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Please be aware that this is a fast moving situation and we will continue to share any new advice at the earliest opportunity.