



PARENT FACTSHEET

Coronavirus: resources and tips for talking to pupils

Use age-appropriate resources

Be honest and transparent with pupils when talking to them about coronavirus. Stick to reputable sources to make sure pupils get accurate information.

BBC Newsround's regular updates on coronavirus (suitable for younger children)

- > [This overview piece](#) includes:
 - What governments are doing about COVID-19
 - What the common symptoms are
 - A video of answers to pupils' questions
 - > [See here](#) for all coronavirus updates from BBC Newsround
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Resources for dispelling myths (suitable for older children)

- > [Mythbusters](#) from the World Health Organization
 - > [5 facts](#) about COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - > [Data visualisation pack](#) from Information is Beautiful (it's regularly updated)
 - > [NHS common questions](#) on COVID-19
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Talking to children and young people about school closure

- > They'll find this unsettling. Of course we know you'll be thinking about having these conversations in the coming days or weeks. As ever:
 - > Be honest with pupils and give them the same information you'd give to parents
 - > Acknowledge that these are uncertain times for everybody
 - > Take any questions they have and answer honestly - it's ok if you don't have all the answers
 - > Let them know what's going to be expected of them if they're off, such as:
 - How they'll complete work
 - Whether they'll use a remote learning platform they already know
 - > Tell parents to speak about it with their children
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Tackle racism and bullying related to coronavirus

- > Encourage your staff to talk to pupils about this topic and any incidents they've come across in school or the media
 - > Get staff to be up front about this and to talk about it as they would do when dealing with other forms of discrimination or racism
 - > Use specific examples around coronavirus, like the false claim that all people from east Asia or Italy have the virus
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