

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update from Cllr Gareth Roberts 10 March 2020

Cllr Gareth Roberts: As you'll be aware there is a lot of concern locally regarding the situation regarding COVID-19, coronavirus, particularly with the news which is emerging from Italy. As a council, it's our responsibility to make sure you are kept as well informed as we possibly can. At the moment we are taking all the advice and guidance from the Department of Health and Public Health England regarding steps we should be taking locally in order to mitigate the threat of the virus.

There are a lot of concerns and a lot of rumours going around that we are about to close schools and possibly our residential care homes will be put into quarantine and will be closing our day centres. This is purely rumour. And is not true. At the moment, we have received no guidance from the Department of Health or Public Health England to close our schools. Similarly, we have had no guidance whatsoever that we should be either looking to quarantine our residential care homes or that we should be closing our day centres. If the situation changes, we will make sure that you are the first to know.

At the moment, we are giving the advice that we have been given by government which is that we are encouraging everybody to wash their hands as much as possible. If you have a cough or a sneeze, use a tissue and dispose of the tissue responsibly. And if you must, use your sleeve, please don't use your hands. And of course, try to avoid touching your face if wherever possible.

This is an issue which is a concern for the Council but by all working together we can make sure we take the appropriate steps to make sure that the threat does not escalate. So, please do look on the website which is going to be placed at the end of this video which will be able to give you up-to-date information all the time. Be informed, do take care, and together we can get through this. Thank you.