



# Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parent /Carer,

## Hand Sanitiser / Gels

We have noticed a number of children have been bringing in hand sanitisers/gels. Although some are predominately safe to use, any substances brought on site need to be assessed.

You may not know that a 70% alcohol hand sanitizer is 140 proof alcohol by volume rating and is the equivalent to 6 shots of vodka. The presence of such high alcohol content sanitiser(s) certainly jeopardises all standards of care and safety within our schools. Alcohol-based hand sanitisers are also extremely flammable and are certainly not suitable in the school environment/classroom.

Therefore, and for the reasons outlined above, we are asking that sanitisers are not bought in to school and we will have no alternative but to confiscate any such substances found in a pupils possession.

We wish to reassure parents that we are following Dept of Education and Public Health England guidelines and have suitable arrangements for hand washing in the current situation. Pupils are reminded to wash their hands regularly.

- There is soap and hot water available in all toilets around the school and supplies are checked regularly
- Cleaning processes have been reviewed – all floors, surfaces, door handles and push points are being cleaned daily with antibacterial cleaner
- As per Dept of Education and Public Health England advice pupils, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
  - ❖ before leaving home
  - ❖ on arrival at school
  - ❖ after using the toilet
  - ❖ after breaks and sporting activities
  - ❖ before food preparation
  - ❖ before eating any food, including snacks
  - ❖ before leaving school

We thank you for your co-operation and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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