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## Children's University and Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Children's University Trust is committed to ensuring the safety of staff, Trustees, partners and participants. We are naturally incredibly concerned by coronavirus (COVID-19) and are working within current guidelines and following best practice to limit its impact.

## **Useful links**

As a priority, we recommend all stakeholders refer to official guidance as published by the following bodies:

- GOV.UK: UK government response (Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England)
- **GOV.UK:** COVID-19: guidance for educational settings (Guidance for schools and other educational settings in providing advice about the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.)
- GOV.UK: Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for the public
- NHS.UK: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Overview and stay at home advice
- 111.NHS.UK: About coronavirus (COVID-19) how it spreads, how to avoid infection, what to do if you think you have symptoms

## What to expect from Children's University Trust

- As an organisation Children's University Trust is optimised for agile working. This means that staff are working remotely and will remain contactable by usual email and telephone details.
- Based on official guidance, staff have been asked to cancel any unnecessary travel for meetings and to replace face-to-face meetings with online meetings.
- Children's University Trust actively uses online conference tools for meetings and suggest that should partners request meetings, these tools are considered as preferable to face-to-face meetings. Staff will be suggesting this as a preference when organising meetings externally.
- Children's University Trust remains committed to ensuring children have access to learning opportunities beyond the classroom and removing the barriers that may stand in their way. At this time of uncertainty and potential limitations on movement and social gatherings, we will be looking to increase the opportunities we're able to direct children and families to that can be self-led, home-based and online. Be sure to check our social channels for updates and the page www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/covid19

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