



Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN

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Guidance for Parents Re: Covid-19 Coronavirus

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As a school, we are reacting to ever-changing information and developments provided by the Government, the local authority and the public health organisation.

As expected, there have been further changes and updated advice from the Government overnight and we want to keep you as informed as possible.

Self-Isolation – New Guidance

If you live alone and have a high temperature or a new and continuous cough, you should self-isolate for seven days.

If you live in a household with others and have a high temperature or a new and continuous cough, both you and all others in your household should stay isolated together for fourteen days.

We recognise that this new guidance will result in children being isolated and absent from school even when their symptoms are not due to Coronavirus, however we must follow the Government guidance and make responsible decisions.

Whilst the risk to children and young people in general would appear to be less severe (see the Government’s action plan) there are cases within our school community where staff, pupils or family members are at greater risk due to existing medical conditions. It is therefore **essential** that we all act responsibly and follow the guidance above to ensure they are not put at risk.

School Events and Activities

From today, we will not be holding assemblies in school. We feel that there is no need to gather children in close proximity, although we hope that children with symptoms are not in school. We will miss the opportunity to join together as a school community.

We are also going to cancel/postpone all planned non-essential trips, visits and visitors into school this side of the Easter Holiday. We will continue to review this, alongside all safety measures in school. As such, the Rocksteady Music Concert, Easter Egg Bingo, Friends of Beeston A.G.M. and Y1 Phonics Information for Parents will be postponed.

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Please avoid coming into the main school office, where possible and make a phone call instead.

Due to staffing, from Wednesday 18th March, there will be no after school clubs. Any balances paid for clubs will be carried forward to next term. Any educational visits will be re arranged where possible and refunds will only be made in the event of cancellation.

Year 4 swimming lessons at Morley Swimming Baths will be put on hold for the time being.

We will not be allowing children to drink water from the shared water fountain from today. If you would like to send your child into school with their own, clearly named water bottle then they will be allowed to fill these up and drink from them during the school day.

Please be aware that none of these decisions are taken lightly and are in the best interests of keeping all school stakeholders safe and well.

Contingency Planning

Given the considerable uncertainty in the news at this time, we would like to reassure you that we are ensuring that we have plans in place to cope with a range of scenarios. We will aim to keep school open as far as possible. In the event of a full or partial closure (which will only ever be a last resort), we will inform you via text, the school website and our school Facebook page. As such, please ensure that we have up-to-date contact details for you. Given the level of rumour and speculation about the possibility of school closures in the future, we would recommend that you consider your own contingency plans in the event of an enforced extended closure to restrict the spread of the virus.

Our school staff are working incredibly hard to put together a range of resources to support home learning should this be necessary. Further details about this will follow very soon.

We would also like to thank you for your patience and understanding during this time and for the supportive comments. We will continue to ensure that the school community is well looked after and that the needs of our pupils are met. We know that many families are hopeful that the impact on school and on learning will be minimal and for ourselves, we hope that for as long as possible we can continue to provide a calm place of normality and routines.

Best wishes,

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