

To All Parents and Carers

18 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### COVID-19 UPDATE

I am writing to provide a further update on managing the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak following changes reported by the Prime Minister. The most significant changes to highlight from the government are that anyone who has a **new continuous cough or high temperature/fever** should be sent home. This includes parents, carers, children and staff. This is a precautionary measure and does not mean that they have a confirmed diagnosis of Covid-19.

***New government advice** states that if any member of a household has a new continuous cough and/or high temperature, all members of the household must self-isolate too even if they are well. The household members who are well must also isolate for 14 days. This period starts from the date the first person fell ill. Fourteen days is the incubation period for coronavirus; people who remain well after 14 days are reportedly unlikely to be infectious. Please see the following guidelines for more information:*

*<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#ending-isolation> . At school, this includes parents, carers, children and staff.*

In addition, any person falling within a vulnerable group: persons over 70 years old, people who are normally advised to have the flu vaccine due to a medical condition and women who are pregnant are advised to minimise social contact. We have applied this guidance where appropriate.

We have sent staff and children home if they have fallen into any of the categories above, following the guidelines from Public Health England (PHE). I want to make it very clear that this does **NOT** mean they have a positive diagnosis. We are doing what we have been asked to do by the authorities and continue to monitor the situation very closely.

If any family has a confirmed case of Covid-19 or is self-isolating for any reason the school must be told. Please contact School Office Staff by telephone if this applies.

Whilst following the guidelines for isolation, when your child feels better and no longer has a high temperature, s/he can return to school. If there have not been any signs of improvement and you have not already sought medical advice, you should contact **NHS 111 online** <https://111.nhs.uk/>. If you have no internet access, you should call **NHS 111**.



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We have posted a link on our website to NHS handwashing advice and the NHS handwashing song. Please share these with your families.

As further precautionary measures to minimise social distancing, the following actions are being taken:

- **All trips are cancelled until after the Easter break at which time the situation will be reviewed;**  
**Swimming lessons for Year 3 pupils and Resource Based pupils are cancelled until after the Easter Break at which time the situation will be reviewed;**  
**The number of assemblies is limited;**  
**Parent events or workshops are postponed until further notice; this includes Parents' Evenings planned for 1 and 2 April 2020.**

After school clubs, the breakfast club and the Play Shelter after school club will continue until further notice.

We continue to remind all our children and staff to ensure they wash their hands more often than usual and for a minimum of 20 seconds. Our cleaners continue to disinfect and clean the school on a daily basis. In the event of government direction to close the school, we have already created home learning resources that are accessible on the school website [www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk](http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk) and are being added to, and we have almost finished preparing paper packs and books loaded with activities to go home with the children. ParentMail will be used to maintain contact; please ensure your contact details are up to date and that you check it for messages.

We understand that this is a very worrying time for children, parents, carers and staff. We urge you to continue reassure those who are anxious and to support each other, your local communities and the school. We are responding as quickly as possible to information as we receive it, whilst managing unprecedented levels of staff absence. We need to come together and support each other to get through this very challenging time.

There are a number of food banks operating in the borough that can support families who may be facing food shortages:

**Southwark Foodbank (PECAN) - 020 773 20007 / <https://www.pecan.org.uk/southwarkfoodbank>**

Five centres operating in the borough with opening times and locations listed on its website.

**Oasis Foodbank - 0207 357 7331**

Has one distribution centre in Southwark at St George The Martyr Church. Borough High St, London, SE1 1JA

**Central Southwark Community Hub - 020 7703 1653 / <https://www.cschub.co.uk/>**

Four centres in the borough with locations and opening hours listed on its website. Clients need to be referred to Margaret Taribo ( [margaret.taribo@cschub.co.uk](mailto:margaret.taribo@cschub.co.uk) ) before a visit is made.

**Camberwell Community Fridge – 020 7737 6186 / Albrighton Centre**

Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

**The Borough Free Fridge – 02073577331 / St George The Martyr Church, Borough High Street, SE1 1JA.**

Open Tuesday afternoon, 2-5pm.

In summary, Brunswick Park continues to follow Public Health England's advice. Any general updates will be posted to the website and sent via ParentMail. And finally, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like to discuss the content of this letter with a member of staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Bellingham', written in a cursive style.

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