



BRAMFORD AND SOMERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FEDERATION



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you in regards to the ongoing **coronavirus outbreak**.

It is important that within school, routines and lessons continue as normal; stability and calm is important for us all, but especially the children at times like this. I do however want to reassure you that we are receiving daily contact from the Department for Education about government decisions and messages regarding the national response to Covid -19 and that we are following government guidance in regard to our protocols and decisions within our schools.

As you may have seen from the news yesterday, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. As part of this, and as per actions currently in place in other countries and parts of the United Kingdom to delay the spread of the virus, one measure which could be implemented is the closure of schools.

Official advice as of today is that our schools will remain open and your child should continue to attend school unless they feel unwell. If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally.

If your child has any of the following symptoms they should remain at home for 7 days:

- a high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- and/or a new, continuous cough

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

If your symptoms worsen during your stay at home period or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk.

As a public body we will be legally bound to follow government advice and will close if directed to do so by Public Health England or in the event that we do not have enough staff to run the school.

We will of course communicate with you any further measures that we put in place and any updates from the government which could mean a change to the current situation as soon as we become aware of these.

If our schools should have to close we will notify you as soon as possible using our usual means of communication and also by posting a message on our federation website: www.bramsomfederation.net

Thank you for your patience in evolving and new circumstances for us all.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Burgess
Executive Headteacher

What can you do to help your child?

- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for younger children and [YoungMinds](#) has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)
- If the schools should close, we will provide learning activities for your child remotely using a site such as Google Classroom. This will require access to an internet enabled device. If you are concerned that this will cause you any issues then please let us know so we can make sure you will be able to access remote learning opportunities for your child(ren).

If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's travel advice, www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

The following links are those from which we are taking all advice:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>