

Brinsley Primary and Nursery School, Moor Road, Brinsley, Nottinghamshire. NG16 5AZ

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Coronavirus school update Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Although there has been no change to the government guidance since last Thursday's newsletter, after discussions with other local school leaders in the last few days, we have decided that while we will remain open, there are a few things that we will change in order to mitigate the potential spread of this virus. These changes fall within our action plan/risk assessment for this situation and are aimed at reducing the risk of so many more people onsite and possible infection.

- Parent meetings, planned for Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March, will be cancelled. A brief written report will be issued instead – more detail to follow. If your child needs a SEND structured conversation, these appointments will be made after Easter.
- The Year 1 & 3 Easter show (31st March & 2nd April) will be cancelled. We will look at alternative ways of presenting this.
- Film night cancelled (2nd April).
- There may be more cancellations to come. I'm sure people realise how quickly things can change. We will of course keep you updated as soon as we can.

At the moment we have increased our level of response to stage 2 – PREVENTION. All children have access to hand washing, hand sanitizer, etc and have had lessons on effective hand washing. This is to ensure we do what we can to prevent/ reduce the chance of illness developing or the further spread of illness. At this stage, we are able to continue to use the school facilities, but we ask that you ensure that all those coming into school comply with the following:

- Wash your hands as you enter the building or use the hand sanitisers
- Wash your hands frequently
- Avoid unnecessary contact (no shaking hands)
- Avoid touching your face including mouth, nose and eyes
- Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue (not your hands)
- Put any used tissues in the bin and then wash your hands

The advice CURRENTLY from Public Health England is:

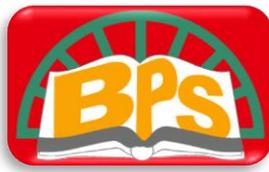
"If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, do not leave your home for 7 days from when your symptoms started." We would also ask that if you have a child who you feel is more susceptible due to a pre-existing condition, that you contact the school for advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

We also ask you to inform us if any of you or family members / friends are confirmed to have the coronavirus; this will help us to develop our response and ensure deep cleaning takes place. In addition, if you have travel plans or have recently returned from a category 1 or category 2 area (as defined by Public Health England), please contact us to discuss any implications for children returning to school.

If we need to take further precautions and move to stage 3 - MITIGATE/ DELAY, we will be in touch again; at this stage we need you to know that we may need to reduce classes / access to identified areas of the school dependent on the specific circumstances and directives shared by Public Health England / Nottinghamshire County Council.





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Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to ensure the safety of the children and other members of our school community.

Kind regards

J Osprey



Brinsley Primary & Nursery School - Preventing and Managing Sickness

Information for staff, visitors and building users

STAGE 2 - PREVENTION

We currently have increased precautions in place to ensure the effective prevention of the spread of illness.

All users of the school are asked to follow the following guidance:

Do

- ✓ wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- ✓ use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- ✓ cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ✓ put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- ✓ try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell



Don't

X do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

If you think you might have coronavirus, have been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus in the last 14 days or you've been in close contact with someone with coronavirus ring NHS 111. Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> for further details.

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