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# Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## COVID-19 (Corona Virus)

I am writing with regard to the current situation with Corona Virus (COVID-19) and the actions we are taking at New Bewerley to prevent it from spreading.

As of the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the school and only a small number of confirmed cases of the virus in Leeds.

We have received many comments and calls to the school office from concerned parents and carers asking if school will be remaining open or whether they should keep their children at home. Yesterday, the department for Education have confirmed that no school should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England. We continue to monitor daily updates from the government and continue to follow their advice.

The guidance for helping to prevent the spread of infection includes a strong focus on hygiene. The actions we are taking are as follows:

- Asking children and staff to wash their hands with soap and water at regular times of the day
- Teaching children effective handwashing techniques
- Replenishing stocks of tissues, hand towels, soap, etc. regularly
- Reminding children and staff to cough or sneeze in to a tissue or the crook of their elbow (the 'dab' cough), put the tissue in to the bin and then wash their hands
- We have displayed relevant information around school to remind staff and children about the focus on hygiene
- Reviewing trips and visit procedures

### **Links to useful contacts and websites:**

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

**Phone: 0800 046 8687**

**Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)**

**Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)**

### **Handwashing:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

**Whilst this situation develops we are preparing for all eventualities including the possibility of government directed closure. As we further formulate for this we would like to remind parents of our following online resources that your children can already access at home. Some of these will require a username and password that you child already knows.**

**Mathletics**

<https://login.mathletics.com/>

**TT Rock Stars**

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

**Espresso**

<https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/login/eha/?service=espresso>

**BBC Bitesize**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

**Phonics Play**

<https://www.uk/>

**Top Marks**

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

**Year 6 also have access to all of their SATs revision guide.**

**Please ensure you stay familiar with and follow the current advice provided by Public Health England. We will continue to keep you updated by text, letter and the school website. Please may I remind parents and carers to inform school if they have recently changed their telephone number. A test text message has been sent this afternoon – If you did not receive this please call the school office to update your details.**

**Please know that we take the health and safety of your children and our school community extremely seriously and I hope this letter reassures you.**

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