

Burlington Infants School



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Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

I am writing to let you know what we are doing in light of the current situation regarding Coronavirus and the measures we are taking to help ensure that our school keeps as safe as possible. This includes continuing to follow all the official guidance from the Government and the Local Authority, which is updated on a daily basis.

What is the current situation?

- The **school remains open** - this is the current official guidance we have been given.
- The Breakfast Club will continue to run as normal.
- Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell - if your child has any of the following symptoms they should remain at home for **14** days:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by telephoning the school office on Tel: **01262 673858**.
- Community events involving visitors in school such as 'Stay and Play,' 'Stay and Read,' 'Family Assembly' and After School Clubs will be cancelled until further notice. Parents Evenings will be postponed.
- We will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.



What we are doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- If a pupil starts to feel ill on the school premises we will contact parents immediately.
- If a member of staff starts to feel ill, we will ask that person to go home and self-isolate for 14 days.
- The children have been taught correct hand washing procedures in assemblies and class circle times. The children now wash their hands for 20 seconds regularly throughout the day. This includes on entry to school, at fruit time, playtimes and before and after lunch. Additional liquid soap dispensers have been fitted in the children's cloakrooms to help with this.
- We have also been promoting good hygiene throughout school, re coughing and sneezing using tissues, putting these in bins and washing hands afterwards. We are encouraging coughing and sneezing into elbows if tissues are not close by.
- The communal water fountains have been disabled to reduce the risk of spreading infection and parents are asked to send a named bottle of water into school with their child every day. Drinks of water, juice and milk continue to be served at lunch time.
- We are embracing the outdoors and keeping windows open as much as possible to let fresh air circulate.
- Enhanced cleaning routines are also in place, before, after and during the school day in line with government guidance.

What we need you to do

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible**.
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It is a scary time and we want our children to feel supported and reassured that we are all looking after them and each other. [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 will contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)
- Check that your child has access to our school website at www.burlingtoninfants.org.uk from home, and let us know if there are any



issues so we can make sure we are well prepared for remote learning if the school does need to close at some point.

What happens if the school has to close?

We will only close if we are either officially advised to do so or if we don't have enough staff to run the school safely.

In either case, we will:

- Alert parents to closure as soon as possible, via text message and a message on the school website, as well as the usual school closure announcements via local radio stations. We will keep you informed as to when we will be re-opening.
- If the closure is for an extended period, we will provide advice and guidance re work for pupils to do at home, including online learning links which can be accessed via our school website.

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions or need further information.
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, please use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111.
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to school.

Without doubt, this is a tricky time and we know everyone is worried about the impact coronavirus might have on our school community. It is important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Thank you everyone for your continued help and support, it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mari-Louise Booth
Headteacher

