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## Coronavirus – COVID19

Dear Parents

There is clearly concern and anxiety around the spread of this virus and the potential risk.

Schools receive daily updates and are expected to follow Public Health England Advice.

**“Advice from Public Health England continues to be for education settings to remain open, unless advised otherwise.** We are continually reviewing how best to support all educational settings and the impact of any measures will be considered carefully before being implemented.” March 2020

It is important that all responses are proportionate to the risk posed. The greatest concern is for those in high-risk groups such as the elderly, those receiving on-going medical treatment such as chemotherapy, those with suppressed immune systems and those with any underlying health condition which may be exasperated by a virus.

All updates will be placed on the school APP and, where appropriate, on the school website.

Please be careful about sharing fake or distorted information as this increases anxiety and spreads panic.

Please follow 111 advice about the need to self-isolate or to stay away from school if someone in your family or your child is unwell in the near future.

In the event of schools being forced to close, we have made a short term plan for closure of up to 3 weeks, in relation to work children can undertake at home. This will be communicated to you via the APP.



In the event of forced closure, staff will be working on directed tasks relating to planning and the curriculum and will work from home for the period of closure. We will send a weekly update for suggested home learning. You may also like to purchase books from Amazon or W.H. Smiths. Please note, teachers will not be expected to mark work undertaken during a short period of closure as they will have been working on other directed tasks.

If children undertake project work which they bring back to school, we will share this through assemblies, and will display it as appropriate, when school re-opens.

We are aware that for many families enforced school closure will be challenging, in terms of child care. We do not wish to place any additional burden on families by the extraordinary circumstances of a forced school closure because of a potential international health risk

If you have any queries, concerns, or suggestions then please email [admin@robsouth.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@robsouth.brent.sch.uk) who will forward your email to the most appropriate staff member.

For your information, we have put the following additional risk measures in place:

- increased the focus on children washing their hands
- increased vigilance in the cleaning of door handles and high-risk contact points by the cleaning staff
- review of school trips and events. We may choose to cancel some trips and or events if we feel that this would be an appropriate risk-reduction strategy, or if advised to by the Local Authority or Public Health England.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Honor Beck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Honor Beck