

13th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Coronavirus update**

You are likely to be aware of the outbreak of the Coronavirus and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At Branfil Primary School, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff seriously. Therefore we are continuing to monitor developments with the virus and follow guidance from the Department for Education on a daily basis.

As part of our school's response to the Coronavirus, we have reiterated the importance of personal hygiene with our pupils and this has been a focus in class discussions as well as assemblies.

We continue to receive daily updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England, who are the only bodies that can make a decision about school closures. The Department for Education Coronavirus helpline is now available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

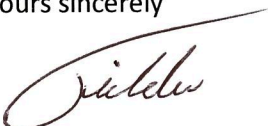
Email – [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk).

In addition, if you have any concerns about your own or another family members' health, please contact the NHS 111 helpline. After seeking advice, please inform the school of any relevant information to ensure the safeguarding of all members of the school community.

In the event that our school is required to close, we will inform parents via ParentPay and will provide additional information about how to support your child's learning during the period of closure.

We will continue to keep you informed, as the situation develops, with any additional information. Thank you for your continued understanding and support with this matter.

Yours sincerely



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