



# BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Coronavirus COVID-19 - Update for Parents

We just wanted to keep you informed that we and the Hamwic Education Trust are still closely monitoring the situation regarding the Coronavirus and following the daily guidance and advice released from the Government and Department for Education.

At the moment, in line with this guidance released from the Government, Department for Education and Public Health, we are continuing to operate as normally as possible, however, we will be cancelling extra activities, trips and movement between schools. Please note that after school clubs and Booster sessions will still be going ahead but we will be postponing Swimming Lessons and Assemblies. Children who are being celebrated will now be celebrated in class but unfortunately, parents will not be able to come in at this moment in time.

We are planning for potential school closures either as a result of direct instruction from the DfE or due to reduced staffing. Please note that this could lead to partial closures, where certain year groups are asked to remain at home.

Could we therefore ask parents to ensure that school contact numbers are up to date and that parents check our website and emails regularly. In the event that we are required to close, we will inform parents as soon as we are able to and also publish information on our website.

We continue to ask our pupils, staff and visitors to follow effective handwashing and hygiene principles. Can we also encourage this practice at home.

As per the current Government guidance if your child develops a new or continuous cough and/or a high temperature, they should self-isolate for 7 days.

The DfE have also launched a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

**Phone: 0800 046 8687**

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

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



We appreciate that we are currently in an unusual situation and do not wish to alarm parents. Please do check our website for the latest news and information at:

<https://www.bearwood.poole.sch.uk/parents-info/news/update-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you for your understanding and if you do have any concerns, then please contact Bearwood Primary and Nursery school to discuss.

Yours sincerely

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