



15th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Re: Coronavirus – Additional School Actions

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has announced that there will NOT be a blanket closure of schools. However, some very clear guidance has been issued:

If your staff or children show symptoms of Coronavirus [prolonged cough or high temperature] they are to stay at home for SEVEN days. If in doubt, please call 111 for clarification.

In addition, if your child has an underlying health condition that makes them more vulnerable to coronavirus, please discuss these circumstances with us.

At Barrow Hedges, the following measures are in place:

- Additional access to hand hygiene on entrance, exit and around the building.
- Additional cleaning.
- Increased hand washing by staff and children with demonstrations given as regular reminders to children.
- Information posters up all around school.

Daily measures:

- We will send children home for seven days if they are showing symptoms.
- We will use screening measures (thermometer) if we are worried about high temperatures.
- We ask that parents keep us fully informed as to the reasons for their child's absence.

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Ongoing risk assessment:

This is, of course, an unprecedented and ever changing situation. We therefore continue to seek advice from appropriate agencies and discuss matters with colleagues from across our Trust and in the local authority. Our Year 4 residential to Dorset will go ahead tomorrow. This decision has not been taken lightly and we have taken advice on this and liaised with Hooke Court. We have provided communications to Year 4 parents about this trip. Unfortunately, but understandably, our Year 5 residential to France has been cancelled. I ask that Year 5 parents bear with us regards refunds as we await instructions. We will be in touch with you as soon as we have the relevant information.

Please be assured that we have begun to look at our planned activities, day to day arrangements and a variety of other scenarios to consider any further measures that we will need to put in place. I will write to parents with further updates in due course.

Thank you for your support in these challenging times.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise wood".

Mrs Louise Wood

Headteacher.