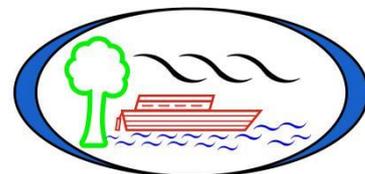


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Dear Parents and Carers,

I feel that it is appropriate to set out with you how the school will deal with the current situation of Coronavirus and how you can play your part too.

Firstly, our main goal is to keep the school open - to ensure normality for the children and to ensure parents can play their part in their professional roles beyond the school.

We will do this by prioritising activities in the school and there will be some changes. I am sure that you can appreciate why this must be the case.

Between now and the end of term:

- Parent assemblies are to be cancelled. This includes the Year 5 assembly this Friday, both Easter Eggstravaganza Assemblies and Moonbeams assembly on 27th March. There will be no need to make eggs at home.
- All sporting activities with other schools will also be cancelled.
- All trips away from school are also cancelled
- Clubs after 6.00pm and at the weekends are also cancelled

All other after school clubs will continue as normal unless otherwise advised. It is up to you if you wish your child to attend.

To enable us to carry out our main goal of keeping the school open, we must also rely upon the continued health of school staff. But we, like you, must follow the guidance we have all received regarding sore throats and temperatures. Normally this might mean simply a common cold and so protecting our staff too is an absolute necessity. To that end, we will only have face to face meetings when they are *absolutely essential* and when staff are not teaching, they are preparing resources for children should they be needed. If staff find themselves having to self-isolate, we will use other staff in the school to cover absentees as long as it is safe and practical to do so.

Although some families have already chosen to self-isolate, we are not aware of any child or family member that has a confirmed case of coronavirus. If a parent decides that self-isolation is appropriate, then our priority must become the children that remain at school. We will help where we can with provision of work but our teacher's time must focus on the remainder of the class and those that are at school.



I have been made aware that social media has been used to fuel speculation and rumours at other schools. I would hope that this is not the case at Oldfield Brow. If you have questions, please contact the school and your enquiries will be dealt with as soon as possible either directly or by updates. Do not speculate - it is not helpful to anyone. We all have a role to play.

In the event of either a pupil or staff member becoming unwell whilst at school with a new continuous cough or high temperature, they will be sent home. For more information on how to self-isolate, please follow advice available on line. Please inform school if you are self-isolating and why. The normal procedures for dealing with a child's absence will not apply due to these unusual set of circumstances.

In the light of this ongoing situation with coronavirus, we will be offering those parents that work for the NHS and Emergency Services free Breakfast Club until half term (or as long as we can facilitate) to show our support and gratitude during this period. Email breakfastclub@oldfield-brow.com with your child's name and class along with your details and we will process this for you.

If and when circumstances change again, we will inform you either through text, email and/or web site.

Stay well. We can do this!

R Merrell
Headteacher