

Glebe School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

SCHOOL TEMPORARY CLOSURE: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Following the advice of the South London Health Protection team, we have made the decision that all students must remain at home from **Monday 23rd November, returning to school on Wednesday 2nd December**, due to a small number of positive cases of Covid-19 being confirmed within the school community. Students who have been in close contact with a case and are required to self-isolate have been notified separately.

We regret that this is the case and we appreciate that this news will be concerning and will cause logistical difficulties for some families. However, we can assure you that this action is being taken to safeguard the wellbeing of students, staff, other users of the school and their families. Some members of our school community are particularly vulnerable due to medical conditions and we feel compelled to take what action we can, to try to minimise the risk to them.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

The school will update you with any changes to the situation, via the school's 'School Gateway' messaging service and the website. Please check <https://www.glebe.bromley.sch.uk/> regularly.

If you need to contact a member of staff, regarding support for your child during the period of closure, please call the school or contact:

pastoral2@glebe.bromley.sch.uk or admin@glebe.bromley.sch.uk

TEACHING & LEARNING

If your child is well, they will need to access the Learning Zone tab that we have provided on our website:

<https://glebe.bromley.sch.uk/curriculum/home-learning-zone>

There will be a range of work and revision materials and links to ensure that learning can continue whilst your child is at home.

FURTHER ADVICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

The current Government guidance is for the family to stay at home for 14 days if you/someone you live with develops any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- a change in their sense of taste/smell



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This will help to protect others in your community while you are infectious. If you or your child has these symptoms, book a Covid-19 test as soon as possible by calling **119**, or book online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Contact NHS 111 if you are concerned about your symptoms, or 999 for a medical emergency.

The situation is changing continuously, so please check the Government's website regularly for updated advice and guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

If you would like further advice, please contact the Department for Education helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

WHAT OTHER ACTION YOU CAN TAKE

You should continue to follow the government's lockdown restrictions and also basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing of hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to help to stem the spread of the virus.

Please let me reassure you that the school is doing everything we can to manage the situation and we appreciate your ongoing patience and support.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Travis,

Headteacher

