

Glebe School

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17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

SCHOOL CLOSURE - CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

We have made the decision that the school will **CLOSE from TODAY until at least Monday 20th April 2020**, due to a small number of individuals within the school having come into close contact with confirmed cases of the Coronavirus.

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 the website with any changes in the situation, please check <https://www.glebe.bromley.sch.uk/> regularly. We will confirm the date for the school to re-open as soon as possible, both on the website and via the school's 'Ping' messaging service.

If you need to contact a member of staff in an emergency regarding support for your child during the closure, please contact:

pastoral@glebe.bromley.sch.uk

TEACHING & LEARNING

If your child is well, we would strongly encourage that they access the Learning Zone tab that we have provided on the home page of our website:

<https://glebe.bromley.sch.uk/online-learning-zone/online-learning-zone-1>

There is a range of revision materials and links to ensure that learning can continue during the school closure period. This is particularly important for Year 11's and all students who will be completing external examinations or certificates.

We await guidance from the Department of Education, regarding the impact of the school closure on formal examinations and we will update you once we have more information about this.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

The current Government guidance is to:

Stay at home for 14 days if you/family member has either:

- *a high temperature*
- *a new continuous cough*

This will help to protect others in your community while you are infectious.

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Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

We will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms.

However, if your child or a member of the family becomes very unwell, contact **NHS 111** or your GP urgently.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

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

Please continue to follow basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Travis', written in a cursive style.

Ian Travis,
Headteacher

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