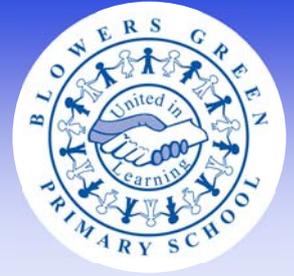


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16th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Update regarding Coronavirus

At Blowers Green, we are following all gov.uk advice regarding educational establishments and Covid-19. As a school, we are working through a staged and sensible risk assessment and the following measures are already in place:

- Additional cleaning programme of the school site
- An established and regular supervised hand washing routine with the children throughout the day, using anti-bacterial soap
- Use of screening measures (thermometers) if we are worried about high temperatures. Any concerns will result in children being sent home.

However, to further minimise the risks regarding potential infection and to safeguard the children and staff, we are making the following changes to usual school routines with immediate effect:

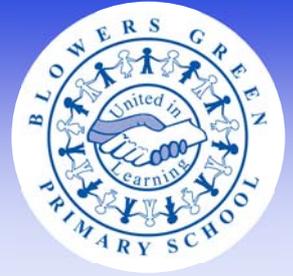
- All face to face school meetings involving external visitors (including parents and carers) will be minimised and will take place, where possible, over the telephone.
- Parents are asked to remain outside the school building when dropping off or collecting children.
- Access to the School Office will be limited. We would ask that parents ring or email the School Office, rather than coming in to school. The schools email address is info@blowers.dudley.sch.uk
- All school events will be postponed until further notice. This includes:
 - The Reception Class Mother's Day assembly scheduled for Wednesday 18 March
 - Parents evening scheduled 24 and 25 March 2020
 - All school trips
 - All sporting fixtures

Please note that all of the above will be rearranged when routines return to normal.

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The most recent advice from Public Health England and The Department of Education with regard to signs in children, refers to self-isolation of seven days in the event of suffering any symptoms, however mild. Therefore, if your child has a temperature or develops a persistent cough, please do not send them in to school for a period of seven days from the development of the symptom. **If in doubt, please call 111 for clarification.**

It is important the school can operate normally for as long as possible in light of recent events and so we are taking the above action to ensure this is the case, under the current advice and guidance we have from the Department for Education and Public Health England. If and when that guidance changes, we will let you know of any change to procedures immediately.

We are taking the above measures to delay the spread of the virus and hope that parents support and understand why we are having to do this given this circumstance is unprecedented and extremely serious.

Action: Please update the school office with current phone number (a minimum of 2 per child)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S sehmbi

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Headteacher