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SUBJECT: Coronavirus Information for parents.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As I am sure you are aware there is a huge stress and strain on the whole of society at the moment around the Coronavirus outbreak. As it stands at the moment, all school's in Havering are working on a business as usual basis until a decision is made by the central Government to change this.

The Government are currently working in the 'Delay' phase of its action plan. School's will remain open during this phase; however, we will be postponing all large events for the time being, including parents' evenings/ class assemblies and the scheduled Mother's Day Breakfast.

If a school event for your child has been postponed you will be notified of this via text message. So far, we still have no cases of Coronavirus within Brady Primary School. As ever we are closely following all of the advice from Public Health England and the Department of Health.

Cleaning across the school has been increased and all of the pupils and staff have been reminded again about the importance of washing their hand regularly and thoroughly.

The health of our pupils and staff is our number one priority, thankfully the evidence so far from around the world is that children are not particularly vulnerable at this time. However, it is still important that families and schools do all we can to protect each other to prevent the transmission of the virus.

The NHS advice is that anyone who has a high temperature, fever and a continuous cough should use the NHS 111 Government website which has a short questionnaire to help you make this decision. Any children who have been given the advice to self- isolate for seven days will go into the register as extenuating circumstances. You still need to inform the school and keep evidence of this advice for our records. However, anyone who keeps their children off without this advice will receive an unauthorised absence as per the Government guidelines.

In addition, if your child/ children have an underlying condition that makes them more vulnerable to Coronavirus please have this discussion with the school.

Like in all school's our school and local authority are planning for a possible situation where we may need to close for a length of time. This is not because we have any plans to close but because all school's need to prepare for this possibility.



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To this effect, we have made plans for two main responses to this virus.

- Reason 1- A lack of teachers due to self-isolation**
- Reason 2- Forced school closure by Public Health England**

#### **Closure due to Reason 1- A lack of teachers due to self-isolation**

If the school reaches the point where we cannot function effectively with the skeleton staff we have in place we will:

- Notify the parents via text message to explain the situation and guide you to the school website where work will be made available for the children to complete.
- We will place notices on the school notice boards at the front of the school and on the school gates
- The school will provide work for the children to complete at home.

If the school has to partially close, as per advice those who are due to take public examinations will be prioritised first.

#### **Closure due to Reason 2- Forced school closure by Public Health England**

If the Government makes the decision to close all schools, Brady Primary School will:

- Notify the parents via text message to explain the situation and give as much notice as possible for parents and carers to make the necessary arrangements.
- Publish any additional information we have on the school website.
- Make work available for all classes either via the website, or through packs sent home with the children.

The school are also in discussions with the Local Authority about potentially trying to provide food for those families who receive Free School Meals. We will provide updates on this when we get it.

Whilst the closure of the school remains our worst-case scenario, we wanted to reassure you that the correct steps are being taken to prepare for this if it is required. In the meantime, the school remains fully open and working as normal. We will of course give you updates as soon as we get them.

Yours sincerely

Mr Michael Nunn  
Headteacher

