

16th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: School planning during the Coronavirus outbreak

I am writing with the details of the school's approach to dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic. Please could you read this letter carefully and take any necessary actions.

Latest information

Although there have been no cases at Barnhill, we are reminding all members of the school community to remember to wash their hands often and thoroughly. If you believe that any member of your family has a risk of infection or is showing symptoms, please check the NHS guidance below: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

All schools are sent a daily update from the department for education. This information can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Potential school closure

All information for the potential closure of the school can be found here:

<https://www.barnhill.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=91>

There has been no guidance from the government on the closure of the school, however, we are preparing for such an eventuality should it occur. If the school is told to close it is likely there will be no access to the school site and only a short amount of notice.

- Every student will be given a **home learning plan** for each subject. These learning plans will help them to know what to study and how to use the resources that they have.
- ***It is essential that students have access to a computer, tablet or laptop of some kind to continue learning.***
- Every student will be asked to use **'Microsoft Teams classroom'**. Teams is a site that is already used by many classes for independent study. Resources, assessments, live chat and teacher feedback are all possible through the 'Teams classroom'. You can see the information for how to log on and use Teams here: <https://www.barnhill.hillingdon.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=203&type=pdf>
- . Parents must return their acceptable use agreement to have access. If you have not yet done this, you can find a copy here: <https://www.barnhill.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=91>



Home Learning

If the school is forced to close, we will still expect all students and staff to continue working. It is important that this expectation is clear and understood by all members of the school community. Students' futures will depend on the quality of learning that they receive – especially those that have examinations this summer. At Barnhill, we will provide the best education that we can in the circumstances. Students will receive regular work that will be assessed and returned to them. Staff will be available to provide feedback and guidance each day. Further details will follow.

School Trips

Due to the uncertainty surrounding insurance and potential risk, all school trips have now been cancelled. I am very sorry to have to make this decision, but we are not in a position to keep all persons safe when travelling. If you have paid for any trips, this money will be reimbursed. Sporting fixtures will still go ahead as planned, unless we hear otherwise.

Contact information

Could all parents please ensure that your contact details are up to date. We would appreciate that you take two minutes to update this survey. It will be very difficult to support home learning if we do not have accurate contact details.

Survey link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Yloc9dOgEkeKFtMJOrpkZuNADuGNd3xBvwwsBhU-StpUN1pFSVY5RDczWElaMFhXR0hURUo5OUwzTy4u>

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Due to the recent advice given to us regarding the banning of large gatherings, we have postponed Year 8 Parents Evening which was due to be held on Thursday 19th March. Instead we will be sending an interim report which includes your child's Attitude to Learning score and targets for each subject.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all members of our community the very best during this difficult time. Barnhill will always aim to serve the students and families of our community to the highest levels that we can. Please continue to work with us to those ends.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Jones
Head of Barnhill Community High School