

COVID-19 Parkfield Community School Contingency Plans and Precautionary Measures

12th March 2020

The school are closely monitoring developments of the COVID-19 outbreak both nationally and locally.

It is possible that schools may be forced to close at short notice as the Government engage the 'delay' phase of its response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

In order to protect and support the pupils, staff and families, and to ensure business continuity and continuance of learning, it is important that that the school makes balanced, reasoned and resourced precautions and preparations for a potential forced closure.

It is important to note that we will be doing everything possible to remain open before then, in line with the current PHE and Government advice.

The Head of School and the School Leadership Team, alongside Excelsior MAT have begun to put contingency plans in place. We hope that a practical and calm approach to this difficult situation will maintain the health and wellbeing of our families at Parkfield Community School.

In summary:

Precautionary Measures

- Pupils and staff will be required to wash hands regularly, on arrival and at other key points during the day, with hand sanitisers and tissues available.
- Pupils and staff must not attend school if unwell and follow NHS 111 advice.
- The school will increase and maintain daily cleaning and disinfection schedules.
- The school will ensure that group gatherings are being risk-assessed event-by-event. It is important that you assess the risk of infection on a personal capacity.

Forced School Closure

- In event of a forced closure, administrative staff will maintain communication systems remotely, albeit with limited capacity. The email address for parents to contact school is enquiry@parkfield.excelsiormat.org
- Work will be provided to children in key year groups.