



Bessemer Grange Primary School

Part of the Bessemer and Keyworth Federation

www.bessemergrangeprimary.co.uk

Address: Dylways, London, SE5 8HP

Tel: 020 7274 2520

E-Mail: office@bessemergrange.southwark.sch.uk

Executive Headteacher: Ms Sarah Beard

Head of School: Mrs Elizabeth Whitehead

Monday 21st September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my letters about school attendance and drop off and pick up times I have been asked by parents to clarify a few points.

Social Distancing

The government guidance on social distancing is still to remain 2m away from people that you do not live with, or 1m away with added precautions if 2m is not possible. It is not always possible to ask you to line up 2m apart at the gates as there simply isn't enough space. However, please try to stay 2m from other adults whenever possible and consider wearing a face covering if this is not possible.

School Attendance

If anyone in your household is experiencing symptoms of coronavirus then your child should not attend school. Your child can return to school either when the person with symptoms has a negative test result for coronavirus, or once they have isolated for 14 days from the start of the family member's symptoms, unless they start to show symptoms themselves.

Coronavirus Symptoms

The government guidance currently lists the main symptoms of coronavirus as a new and continuous cough, a temperature and loss of taste or smell and you should continue to keep your child at home and seek a test if they have these symptoms. However, a Covid 19 research project has recently identified a range of other symptoms that were more commonly present in children diagnosed with coronavirus. These are; fatigue, a headache, loss of appetite, a sore throat and a skin rash. If your child exhibits these symptoms you should seek medical advice from your doctor or NHS 111.

Online Learning

If your child's year group bubble has to close due to a case of coronavirus, teachers will provide online lessons on Google Classroom as they did during the school closure last academic year. However, if your child is unable to attend school because they are isolating due to a family member displaying symptoms, the teachers will not be able to provide the same level of online learning as they will still be teaching full time in the classroom. They will however ensure that work from their lessons is uploaded to Google Classroom for your child to complete at home. In addition, there are home learning resources and links to external online lessons for each year group on our website.

Kind Regards,

Elizabeth Whitehead