



13 March 2020

Dear Parents and Families

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – SCHOOL REMAINS OPEN AS PER DFE GUIDELINES**

The Government announced last night that the UK is moving into the next phase of the Coronavirus action plan with the aim of delaying the spread of the virus. Should you have any concerns about your child's health you should follow the guidance provided by the NHS

### **PROCEDURES FOR DELAYING THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS**

From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 until the Easter break, we will aim to reduce the number of visitors coming into school.

We will not hold whole School Assemblies during the 'delay' phase and enhanced phases of the virus for pupils or parents. This means that Celebration Assembly will not take place on a Friday. We will still celebrate weekly awards and badges but these will be presented in classrooms.

All children will be asked to wash their hands as they enter school, before break and before lunch.

Children have already started having lessons on handwashing and hygiene. We will ask all children who cough or sneeze to wash their hands immediately.

The school doors will continue to open at 8:45am and the doors will remain open until 8:55am. Please can we ask all parents to help us with this by not congregating in the yard.

We are currently reviewing Parents' Evening for R-Y5 and should cancellation of this event be required we will let you know as soon as possible. As of today, Year 6 Parents' Evening will go ahead as planned on Tuesday, however, the format of the meeting may be slightly different and the meetings will take place in the front area of school. Should Parents' Evening be postponed, it will be rearranged later in the year. As always, Teachers will prepare a detailed annual report for your child.

### **SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT DECIDE TO CLOSE SCHOOLS**

Britannia Community Primary School will follow the Department for Education guidance with regard to any decisions to close the school. At the time of writing, the school has **NO** plans to close but will keep up-to-date with Government announcements and local issues.

If a decision is made to close the school for an extended period, Britannia School still has an obligation to provide an education to children during the school closure period. If this happens, teaching staff will provide logins and links to enable children to access education digitally. The class page of the School Website will show a timetable of activities to be completed. Some classes may send home an exercise book for work to be completed in, or paper copies of work.



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On the school website under the class page, teachers will put the answers to work, which can be marked at home by parents. School are also exploring other means of setting work and will keep you updated with any changes.

An example timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Maths English	Maths English	Maths English	Maths English	Maths English
PM	Curriculum Work	Curriculum Work	Curriculum work	Curriculum Work	Curriculum work

As all of our parents use School Spider we will presume that all children will be able to have access to the internet each day. If this is not the case, please can you let the school office know as soon as possible.

In order to further support you and your child we will be putting a list of useful websites onto the school website. All teachers will also be available via email during normal school hours to assist you in any way they can. Please see a list of staff emails below:

EYFS            katie.isherwood@britannia.lancs.sch.uk  
Year 1           j.birch@britannia.lancs.sch.uk  
Year 2           l.foulds@britannia.lancs.sch.uk  
Year 3           r.rothwell@britannia.lancs.sch.uk  
Year 4           deputy@britannia.lancs.sch.uk  
Year 5           c.nuttall@britannia.lancs.sch.uk  
Year 6           [s.connolly@britannia.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.connolly@britannia.lancs.sch.uk)  
Head            [head@britannia.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@britannia.lancs.sch.uk)

We will keep you updated regarding any changes to health and safety policies and would be grateful for your support in adhering to changed policies and procedures.

Yours faithfully

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