



Coronavirus Update

Brontë Academy Trust would like to reassure our families that it is following guidance from Public Health England and the Department for Education.

Below are some of the measure we are taking:

- Cleaning priorities focussing on areas of school where the virus is most likely to be passed on (door and toilet handles, taps, telephones, bannisters, light switches, computers, table tops, play equipment etc)
- Cleaning to be undertaken throughout the school day
- Handwashing: staff and children timetabled to wash hands with supervision at key times of the day; support and lessons on hygiene as a priority
- Tissue use and disposal
- Reviewed activities to limit contact (some of the Brontë schools may split time in the hall for events such as assemblies and lunches or may choose to change routines altogether)
- Reviewed class visits depending upon activity and location
- Any actions we deem are necessary to mitigate risk

Should you have a suspected case of Coronavirus in your family, please follow the Public Health Guidelines. These may change as the virus impacts further so it is important to keep an eye on the information they provide.

The Government have released information suggesting that schools may be required to increase class sizes if the outbreak grows. Our priority is to ensure that your children are safe and that they have access to the best learning opportunities. As such, we will continue to work together and support each other as a Trust to mitigate the effect of any measures we have to introduce.

There has also been some discussion around school closures in the 'Delay Phase' of the spread. Whilst we are hopeful that this may not be necessary, the

schools are working together to produce a folder of learning activities for your children to do at home which will be uploaded onto the school websites if required.

Brontë Academy Trust prides itself on close working relationships, both across the schools and across our communities and we are confident that this will help us to ensure we manage any measures with the minimum of disruption to our children's education.

Mrs Gill Holland

Chief Executive Officer