

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your messages of support this week, in one that has been testing us all!

According to the announcements made by the Prime Minister last night, the following guidelines now need to apply:

- **If you or anyone in your household** have a high temperature or a new and continuous cough then you should stay at home **for fourteen days**.
- This advice is particularly important for people over 70, for pregnant women and for those with some health conditions.
- Social contact needs to be avoided. Please avoid waiting in the playground at the beginning or end of the day, and we would ask you not to enter into conversations with staff unless it is URGENT. Electronic communication (including the telephone) is of course running, just bear with us as the volume of these are significantly increased.

Please be aware, we have the same access as you to any information, and whilst we try to keep as up to date as possible, your first port of call should always be the government website. Secondly, we understand that this is a very unnerving time for everyone, please do not seek advice from school staff about how to proceed, as we are not medically trained, we would have to refer you back to the government guidance. I hope you understand.

We are going to endeavour to keep school open as long as we physically can. We feel we have a duty to our community and we want to support our families in being able to work for as long as they possibly can. With growing numbers of staff off, this may prove tricky in the coming days/weeks and the model in school maybe more of a childcare model rather than the usual education model. Please bear with us, as the safety and well being of our families will take precedent over a typical curriculum as we try to remain open so our families who can continue to work, do so.

Oakworth's 'Just in Case' folder is now on the school website, along with a list of websites the children can access during their time off.

Once again, thank you for your kindness and support in these unprecedented times.

Warmest regards

The Bronte Academy Headteachers