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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to you to help you understand the preparations we are making to support your child and you at school during the Covid 19 (Coronavirus) outbreak.

Bellenden continues to follow the advice of Public Health England (PHE) about keeping our school open and on maintaining high levels of hygiene in our schools. If anything changes in the advice given by PHE, we will inform you immediately.

However, we understand that things are changing rapidly and we want to help you to be prepared in the event that your child is off school or we are instructed by the government to close.

1. The situation now 16th March 2020

Bellenden is open and will remain open until we are instructed to close by the government. If this is the case, we will contact you in writing, by text message, email or letter.

What to do if you, your child, or someone you have recently been in contact with, is showing symptoms (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>) of Covid 19:

- If a **family member or close contact** is self-isolating **without symptoms**, your child should come to school
- If a **family member or close contact** is self- isolating **with symptoms**, please inform us immediately and your child should not come to school
- If a **family member or close contact** is **diagnosed with Covid 19**, please inform us immediately and your child should not come to school
- If a **child is showing symptoms or has been diagnosed with Covid 19**, please inform us immediately and your child should not come to school. At this point (as with any notifiable disease) parents and Bellenden will be acting under the instructions of Public Health England.

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2. What to do if your child is kept off school because they are showing symptoms of, or have been diagnosed with, Covid 19

It is a good idea to start thinking about what you and your child can do if they are at home for an extended period of time.

- **Taking time off work to look after your child**

Speak to your employer if you have to take time off work to look after your child. They should have a plan for staff during this time.

If you don't work and are claiming Universal Credit or another benefit and are concerned about being able to meet your job seeking commitments, contact your job centre or work coach for advice.

- **Keeping your child engaged while they are off school**

Think about stockpiling some activity supplies now: arts and crafts materials, games, jigsaws etc. These can be picked up second hand from charity shops, and some libraries have stocks to borrow. Some ideas are below:

- Top Trumps
- Guess Who
- Monopoly
- Snakes and Ladders – can be fun to make your own board
- Playing Cards
- Boggle
- Risk (game for older children)
- Hamma beads (peg boards and beads)
- Glue sticks and PVA glue
- Coloured paper
- Craft bag of supplies
- Colouring pens and pencils
- Sellotape
- Jigsaws
- Chess
- Sudoku
- Crosswords
- Lined paper

Websites for learning

Core Subject Resources from the BBC

BBC Bitesize

KS1 ENGLISH

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv>

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KS2 ENGLISH

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>

KS1 MATHS

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>

KS2 MATHS

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>

KS1 SCIENCE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6svr82>

KS2 SCIENCE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9q>

Cross-Curricular Resources

BBC Teach - video clips arranged by subjects

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/primary/zd7p47h>

DK Find Out

Information and images across many different topics and subjects

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk>

Primary Homework Help

Lots of useful information on different topics and learning areas

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk>

National Geographic Kids

Information, activities and games linked to Science and Geography topics

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk>

Children University Manchester

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Information and activities across the curriculum

<https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk>

Oxford Owl

Activities, games and information across the curriculum

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home>

CBBC Games

Games and activities for KS2 pupils

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/games>

BBC Newsround

News and current affairs for children, with games and activities

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Child-Friendly Search Engines

Kiddle

<https://www.kiddle.co>

KidRex

<https://www.alarms.org/kidrex/>

Subject Specific resources

Tate Kids

Art and Design focused activities and games

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>

Science Museum Games and Apps

A selection of science-focused games and activities

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<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/games-and-apps>

National Geographic Interactive Mapmaker

Interactive atlas and online mapping tools

<https://mapmaker.nationalgeographic.org/>

Code Studio

Excellent online coding courses and games

<https://studio.code.org/courses>

Hour of Code activities

A selection of coding and programming activities

<https://code.org/learn>

For younger children

Sesame Street

A huge range of games, videos and activities for younger children

<https://www.sesamestreet.org/>

CBeebies

Education games and Activities from the BBC

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

3. Accessing support from other organisations while your child is off school

<https://southwark.foodbank.org.uk/>

<https://southwark.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

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<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/southwark/>

<https://www.pecan.org.uk/southwark-foodbank>

<https://www.cschub.co.uk/>

<https://southwark.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/>

4. What to do if your child is at home because the government has instructed us to close the school

Teachers have prepared learning resource packs that will be provided to pupils in the event of school closing. Online learning platforms will have links provided on the school website.

The school website will provide key information if we are asked to close.

We will continue to operate the school as normally as we can until we are instructed otherwise.

Any general updates will be posted to the website. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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