



MEREVALLEY FEDERATION

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Dear Parent/ Carers,

In response to the ever-changing Coronavirus situation I would like to share with you the measures in place and contingency plans at Merebrook to date.

I would like to share that the Staff and children have been responding very well and adapting in a way that we should all be reassured and inspired by at this time of uncertainty.

Everyone MUST follow the NHS guidance. Anyone who has a high temperature and/or a new, dry continuous cough must refer to the NHS website: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19> and follow the medical advice. We ask that you keep school informed about the outcome of any medical advice or other reasons for school absence. **It is not for school staff to make medical judgements.**

In order to reduce risk the following measures have been/will be put in place with immediate effect:

- Parents evenings cancelled and replaced with a written report
- The number of visitors to school reduced. There will be NO unnecessary visitors to school.
- We urge parents, where possible to communicate with the school via, telephone, email, school app or school website
- Clubs will continue, club leaders are being asked to follow hygiene procedures
- All staff and children will continue to wash their hands according to guidelines
- All school visits cancelled

A School closure will be instructed by Public Health England or will happen if it becomes too difficult to responsibly staff the school. If we do need to close the school, we will communicate this via the school app and with a notice on the school website www.merebrookschoo.co.uk.

Our aim is to provide children with home learning activities to keep them engaged during each school day. We hope that this will create a much needed sense of routine for them and support you as parents. This requires us to work together. We plan to set work for children via our school website: www.merebrookschoo.co.uk and Purple Mash. Further information with regard to this will be shared separately. We will not be sending out individual work for self-isolation, only if there is a whole school/partial closure.



Can you please prepare for this by ensuring:

- You can access the school website.
- You can access the school APP (My School App)
- Check that you and your child can access Purple Mash (details are in your child's reading record book).

We will of course do all that we can to support the needs of any children who do not have access to the internet at home. Please ensure that we are aware, if this is the case, via the school office or the class teacher.

Please note that learning may well be disrupted however we are putting in measures to respond to the situation we face each day but please do be aware that lessons or classes may not run as scheduled.

Thank you for your continued support and patience at this time.

Yours sincerely



Miss Tracy Hurwood
Head of School

