



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ~ Coronavirus Update (17/03/20)

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are in very uncertain times and we're doing our best to protect both the children and staff in school. We are following all of the government guidelines as announced and will continue to review our practices. We are encouraged to *'Do all that we can to maintain order and some sense of normality for the children in our schools.'*

Temperatures

If a child begins to feel unwell, we will check their temperature using non-invasive thermometers, this will also apply to school staff. Should their temperature be above 37.8 degrees, we will send them home to self-isolate for a minimum of 7 days, in line with government policy. For registration purposes, this will be recorded as authorised.

New or Persistent Coughs

Should a child or member of staff develop a new or persistent cough, then they will be asked to self-isolate for a minimum of 7 days. This will be recorded as authorised. Tissues are available for children to use in each classroom.

Hand Hygiene

Children are regularly reminded about correct hand hygiene. All children and staff wash their hands at regular intervals during the day. EYFS and KS1 children are particularly encouraged and observed to ensure they are cleaning thoroughly.

School Environment

In school all surfaces are regularly cleaned, handles and contact points throughout school are disinfected daily.

Social Distancing

There will be no Whole School Assemblies from this week. Class Assemblies will not be attended by the rest of the school and parents/friends will be placed at a 'social distance'.

We will continue to do our best to remain open and limit the disruption to our children's education, however, below is our **Contingency Plan in the event of a full closure**.

Coronavirus Contingency Plan

Please see the Parent Zone on our website and a range of 'age appropriate' activities below:

#Tweetyteacher: There will be a range of challenges for your child to complete – you can tweet any successes to @BirkwoodPrimary

All children can access videos and activities (for all subjects) by visiting: www.discoveryeducation.co.uk and selecting 'Espresso'

The log in details are:

Username: student27476

Password: birkwood

Nursery Daisies

The Ten Things Challenge: 1) Play 'I Spy' 2) listen for sounds around the house – how many different sounds can you hear? 3) Retell your favourite story 4) Look for different shapes in your home 5) Draw some pictures and tell your special grown-ups all about them 6) Learn 5 new nursery rhymes 7) Try new food and help to wash up after 8) Count how many times you can jump, clap, hop 9) Copy letters from your name 10) Dress yourself every day.

Foundation Stage Sunflowers and Daffodils

Reading: Bug Club books

Phonics: Your child will be sent home with letter sounds and words that they need to learn

Writing: Your child will be sent home with a range of writing sheets

Maths: Complete number challenges with your special grown up

The Four Things Challenge: 1) Learn a new song and make up a dance routine 2) Draw a picture of your family and find out something about them that you didn't know 3) Find a way for making your own music 4) Make up your own story and act it out.

Year 1 and Year 2

Reading: Children can access BugClub (staff will ensure your child has their login details) and you will be provided with comprehension activities that can be applied to a range of texts

Phonics: You will be provided with a separate pack for phonics and tricky words

Writing: Practise Spelling through Spelling Shed

Maths: Practise Times Tables/ TT Rockstars (staff will ensure your child has their login details) and Maths Games on PurpleMash

In Year 2, an assortment of example SATs papers will be sent home with your child to practise.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6:

Reading: Children can access BugClub (staff will ensure your child has their login details) and your child can create their own comprehension quiz about a book they are reading

Writing: Use your Spelling Shed log-in to practise weekly spellings; there are a range of writing activities available on PurpleMash

Maths: Practise Times Tables/ go on TT Rockstars every day (staff will ensure your child has their login details) and play Maths Games on PurpleMash

In Year 6, an assortment of example SATs papers will be sent home with your child to practise.

HOW WILL WORK SET BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD?

- Any communication about work set can be accessed by visiting www.birkwood.org.uk and/or @BirkwoodPrimary on Twitter
- If there are any whole school announcements, they will be shared with parents/carers on our website and via Twitter

We are sure that you appreciate that this is a completely new and changing situation. **This Contingency Plan will only come into action if, and when, we are instructed to close our school or it becomes unsafe due to staff absence.**

With many thanks for your support,

Mrs Julie Allen MBE
Headteacher