



Beacon Business Innovation Hub

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Friday 27th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

School Closure Update

We hope many of you witnessed and took part in the fantastic was the 'clap' for our carers and the NHS last night at 8pm. We would like to extend our thank you to all health and social care staff on the frontline who are working tirelessly throughout the country in their fight against the coronavirus.

We have continued to support our key workers and vulnerable students by keeping our school open for those groups. In the absence of any further guidance from the DfE or Gov.uk we will continue to do so next week as well.

Our provision for vulnerable students or students whose parents are key workers

- During this exceptional period of closure we are not operating as schools, but as a community childcare provider for those children whose parents are key workers and do not have anyone at home to look after their child.
- The school will be open from 8.30am to 3.10pm. This will include over the Easter Holidays with the exception of Bank Holidays.
- Students will work from the 6th form Study Centre on their online Moodle resources and must sign in every morning at the upper site reception.
- It is hoped that we will be able to accommodate all requests for a place at school as long as we are able to adequately staff to a level that ensures safety for all.

In order to ensure we can deploy and use staff effectively over the next two weeks, please can you email the school on admin@bbih.org to let us know if you will want your child to continue coming to school from Monday 30th March 2020. When contacting us please let us know the following:

- Your name, relationship to student
- Student name and form group
- Key worker job role (if applicable)
- Please use an email subject title of Key Worker/Vulnerable student.



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Local Parks, Children’s Play Areas and Ball Courts:

All of the Council’s Children’s Play Areas and Ball Courts are closed to help reduce the spread of coronavirus, because it can survive for 12 hours on metal and 36 hours on plastic.

Please do not put your children at risk by ignoring these closures. The Council has taped off all play areas as hazardous or locked those with fences. Please don’t remove that hazard tape or lift children over locked fences because it creates an unnecessary and significant risk to you and your children. The Council would prefer not to have to close parks completely and hopes to avoid this with everyone adhering to the request not to enter areas that are marked with hazard tape or locked

If you do visit a park for walking or exercise, please remember to keep a distance of 2 metres, or 6.5 feet apart from other people. If you find a park is too overcrowded please visit at another time or view Google for real time visitor numbers. We know parks are a vital lifeline for many of you so please help us keep them open by not entering the play areas and ball courts that are out of bounds so that you can still access the space but do what is necessary to protect you and your family and to support the NHS.

Wellbeing Support:

There is a Redbridge advice line available for families who might be having issues with relationships or wellbeing which can be accessed on the Family Information Service (FiND) at:

<https://find.redbridge.gov.uk/kb5/redbridge/fsd/site.page?id=OXTUXqqZ8B0>

As well as this, we have placed a Wellbeing document on Moodle that all students can access, which provides a number of phone numbers and websites that can be accessed for those students that are struggling during this period of self-isolation.

Please also encourage your child to stay connected with staff at the school by keeping an eye on our daily wellbeing Youtube sessions which can be opened by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oo7u1fYaveI>

Learning Continuity Plan

For those students working at home, we will support your child in their learning through support from staff.

If you have not received one or there is an issue or query regarding the pack please email admin@bbih.org or phone the School and we will pass on your questions to relevant staff who should be able to respond within 48 hours.



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General advice on Covid-19

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Stay at home guidance for households with possible Covid-19 infection

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Updates to this advice

If the situation changes in a way which will impact on our approach, we will inform parents/carers as soon as possible through the school website.

Kindest regards,

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