

Newsletter
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Broomhill Infant School



Calendar Dates

Dates for Diary

17 Mar: Phonics Meeting @ 9am for Year 1 parents only - **postponed**

18 Mar: Jumble Sale - **postponed**

26 Mar: Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Disco and Easter Crafts - **postponed**



Note from the Head-teacher

Absence from School: It is very important that parents and carers inform the school about absences before 9.30am. It is a matter of safeguarding the children as well as ordering school lunches. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Thank you.

Coronavirus update: Please see overleaf the guidance from Department for Education regarding the government's response to the coronavirus outbreak. For any more information please visit website: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Phonics meeting (17Mar) Broomhill Bring & Buy Sale (18 Mar) and Easter Hunt, Easter Disco and Easter Crafts (26 Mar): have been postponed temporarily in view of the developing situation with the coronavirus outbreak. Thank you to the parents and families that have contributed and donated articles for the sale. We will keep them safe in storage. We cannot accept any more donations due to the limited storage space in school - please hold onto your contributions. We will communicate the new dates to all asap. Thank you.

Visit to 'The Deep'

The school visit to The Deep was a fantastic experience for the children. The children saw an amazing variety of sea creatures and sea life. They participated in activities and workshops based on our environment and how to be responsible in how we deal with waste and its effect on our planet. The children were very well behaved and all had a great day out. Thank you to all the staff, parents and volunteers for all their help did a fabulous job.



The Bears of Sheffield: Fundraising for the Children's Hospital Charity

Sunday 29 Mar: Sheffield Half Marathon: If you would like to sponsor the staff running the half-marathon, please do so by following the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/broomhillinfantschool?utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_content=BroomhillInfantSchool&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_source=Facebook&utm_term=N4GDnpkdP

The Children's Hospital Charity



Messages from the office

- **Sticks and Stones Theatre Making Club:** To register for a place for your child in this club starting after Easter break, please get in touch with Georgina Stone (admin@sticksandstonestheatre.co.uk).
- **Colour-A-Bear Competition:** The School Council will be meeting with Ms Naomi Woodruff to choose a winner soon.
- Please inform the school of any change in your contact details. Thank you.



Updated guidance for education settings on coronavirus (COVID-19)

Today, the Department for Education and Public Health England have issued updated guidance for education settings on COVID-19. This guidance will assist staff in addressing COVID-19 in educational settings. This includes childcare, schools, further and higher educational institutions.

What you need to know:

- staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal
- if staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home
- clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using your standard cleaning products
- supervise young children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds more often than usual with soap and water or hand sanitiser and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues

The updated guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19#contents>

Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce would be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to education or children's social care settings will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

Recording school pupil absences

Where a pupil is in self-isolation, in accordance with latest information and advice from Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England, the pupil should be recorded as unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances in the attendance register. Code Y (Unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances) should be used in this instance.

If a pupil does not attend school, despite the school operating as usual and the pupil is not self-isolating, they should be marked as absent. It is for headteachers to determine whether or not the absence is authorised depending on the individual circumstances.

Where a pupil cannot attend school due to illness, as normally would happen, the pupil should be recorded as absent in the attendance register and the school will authorise the absence. Code I (Illness) should be used in this instance.

Handwashing advice

The most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.

Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday), 10am to 4pm (Saturday to Sunday)

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