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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Updated Health Guidance on Coronavirus

Yesterday our absence figure at BWA doubled from Monday. Nearly a third of pupils were absent from school yesterday. This may be due to the government guidance released on Monday night – see below. At BWA we will continue to update you and follow the guidance as it is released and ask that you also continue to adhere to it.

Stay at Home Guidance

I would like to draw your attention to the guidance about staying at home. Please see the link here. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#while-you-are-staying-at-home-make-sure-you-do-the-following-things>

School Changes

The following changes may happen at school in light of the most recent guidance.

- Staffing may be affected which may result in a change to the classes pupils are taught in.
- Breakfast Club may be closed should adequate staffing levels not be met.

Parent/Carer Actions Needed

Please may I ask that you action the following?

- Email the office as per the letter you were sent earlier today, if your child is absent. The dedicated email address is: absence@wix.wandsworth.sch.uk
- Please call the school with any requests or questions you have rather than email them.
- Provide work for your child to do at home if they are absent. If the school closes, work will be provided by BWA staff. Please understand that we are busy keeping the children at school safe as well as preparing work should the school close.
- Ensure we have the correct contact details on SIMS.
- Ensure you have access to the school website as work for the children to complete will be uploaded here.
- If you are concerned about how you will feed your child if the school closes, please do get in contact with us.
- If there is anything you feel we are doing that we are not, do let me know – I am outside at the beginning and end of every day.

Thank you for the support you are giving us during these uncertain times. The kind words are truly appreciated. I hope you and your family keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Seana Henry
Headteacher



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You can find the updated **NHS guidance** below:

Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms

Stay at home if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

How long to stay at home

- if you have symptoms, stay at home for 7 days
- if you live with other people, they should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person got symptoms

If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.

If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.

Read our [advice about staying at home](#).

You can find more information by following the link here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>