



# Belleville Wix Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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As you may have seen, the prime minister has announced that new measures are now being taken as part of the government's plan to delay the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The government have moved to what they describe as the Delay Phase. New guidance has also been provided from Public Health England which state that you should stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

This will help to protect others in your community while you are infectious. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them you're staying at home. They will not be testing those self-isolating with mild symptoms.

At the time of writing this the government has **not** decided to close schools. We are making some changes, now that the government has moved to this new stage of planning and these will be shared with you on Monday.

If the school does, at a later point, need to close, we will let you know as soon as we can through our school gateway (Schoolcomms) and by posting information on the school website. We are also preparing home learning resources that you may wish your children to complete at home if we close. This work will be posted on our school website.

To date we have had **no confirmed cases** of coronavirus amongst our children or staff. Please be assured that we will stay up to date on the latest guidance from the government, and will follow any protocols advised by Public Health England (PHE).

In return we ask our parents and carers to:

- please let the school know if you or members of your family have been advised to self-isolate, or if you have a confirmed case of coronavirus
- please inform us if you have had contact with anyone who has a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus

We know that the changes we are making will have an impact on you and your children. This is an exceptional situation and our priority is to do what we can, to help keep our children and our wider community safe. We are extremely grateful to you for all your support and for working with us.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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