



# Belleville Wix Academy

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## **New measures in place at BWA to help delay the spread of coronavirus - Delay Phase.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for working with us as we do what we can to support the delay of the coronavirus. At the end of last week I wrote to you following the release of the government's plan to delay the spread of COVID-19 and said I would share more with you at the beginning of this week.

Below are a list of the new measures in place at BWA. We will adopt a policy of no visitors into or visits out of the school. This will mean that for the foreseeable future:

- we will be cancelling all school trips
- we will be stopping visits into school
- we will be cancelling inter-school sports fixtures
- we will be cancelling off-site staff training or meetings

Please may I ask that you continue to be vigilant by adhering to the guidance 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.

I would like you to know that teaching onsite will end for French registered pupils from tomorrow. Every pupil registered to BWA is expected to be in school, regardless of the stream they are in. A letter will be sent to parents of English registered pupils in the bilingual stream today to explain the arrangements in place.

Attendance figures today show that many of you are choosing to keep your children at home due to anxiety about catching the virus. Work for the children to do at home will be sent if the school shuts. We will of course update you as and when the situation changes.

To date we have **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 be understanding of our no visits policy.

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,

Seana Henry  
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