

13 March 2020

Information to all Parents and Carers in Trust in Learning (Academies) Schools
(Parson Street Primary School, Filton Avenue Primary School,
Orchard School Bristol and Bridge Learning Campus)

Dear Parent/Carers

Coronavirus (Covid 19)

I am writing to you to provide some information and reassurance about how our schools are responding to the Coronavirus infection.

The first and most important thing is that we are following information, guidelines and advice from Public Health England (PHE) and we are receiving this on a daily basis and updating our procedures if, and when, advice changes. Whilst I appreciate that there will be a wide range of different views about how we should be responding and what action should be taken, I hope you will understand that I am duty bound to follow the advice of the Government.

I would also like to stress that as of today (March 13th) ***we have had no cases of the virus*** in any of our schools.

Yesterday a parent asked me “what are we doing to stop it spreading?” As I say, we have not had any contamination, but we are not complacent about that. All four schools have been asked to promote proper hygiene measures with pupils and with staff. Posters are in place in all of our schools to highlight the importance of washing hands. We have increased cleaning measures – focusing upon door handles and bannisters – all of the things you would expect of us at this difficult and challenging time.

As we go forward we are of course considering the impact on learning if the Government decides to close schools. Preparation is in hand to ensure that distance/home learning can take place. Whilst we are obviously concentrating on key year groups, who have upcoming tests or examinations, we are looking to support as many of our pupils and young people as possible. Across our schools staff meeting time is being devoted to preparing for this possibility.

I am very conscious, as we all are, of the very real concern and worry that you will have over the impact of this virus on your lives and the health, well-being and learning of your children.

But I would like to reinforce the message that whatever we do will be in line with advice from PHE and in the interests of our pupils and staff.

I will maintain communication with parents and carers across our schools as the situation develops.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mark Davies
Chief Executive
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