

Information Regarding Covid –19

Dear Parent/Guardian

In view of confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in Northern Ireland and the anticipated rapid spread of infection, as has been evident elsewhere, I write to inform you of our current situation.

School will, as far as possible, follow advice published by the Department of Education (DENI) and the Public Health Agency (PHA). Currently, schools are advised to adopt a 'business as usual approach'; however, as this is a developing situation, updated information will be checked on a regular basis at <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus>

Pupils Displaying Symptoms

If your child displays symptoms, as listed by the Public Health Agency, they should stay at home, you should consult their GP and, if possible, they should have a test for Coronavirus. Parents are asked to inform school as soon as possible via telephone or via email info@belvoirps.belfast.ni.sch.uk if a pupil or **any** family members become infected or have been advised to self-isolate. In either of these instances, pupils should be kept at home until advised otherwise.

Hygiene

In line with advice from the PHA, there are no particular requirements for cleaning of schools at present. However, cleaners have been asked to ensure that handrails and door handles are cleaned regularly and that special attention is given to ensuring that soap is replenished daily in staff and pupil toilet areas. Teachers have demonstrated to pupils and reinforced the need for thorough handwashing.

Trips and Concerts

Planned school trips will be kept under review.

Learning and Teaching

We are currently preparing a small pack of work for each year-group which we will distribute to pupils to use in the event that the Department of Education and the Education Authority advises that it is necessary for schools to close.

Staff in each year group will prepare numeracy and literacy work to cover a two-week period. Suggestions for World Around Us topics to be investigated and links to a variety of educational websites and Apps will also be communicated to the relevant age groups. In the event of a school closure our parents will be contacted by text or by Class DoJo.

We have included links to further information provided by the Public Health Agency.

As you will understand this is a situation which is continually evolving. We will take advice from the Public Health Agency, the Department of Education and the Education Authority and will keep in contact with parents via text and class DoJo when further information is available.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus>
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Mrs N Watson
Principal



COVID-19 (coronavirus)

If you have a:

- high temperature
- and/or
- new persistent cough

Self-isolate (stay at home) for 7 days

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

Call NHS 111 if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

If it is a medical emergency and you need to call an ambulance, dial 999 and inform the operator of your symptoms.

For further information and self-isolation advice, visit www.pha.site/coronavirus



BPS News Friday 13th March 2020

Sport Relief Reminder—Friday 13th March

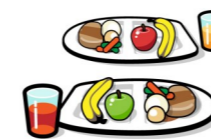
Sport Relief is a biennial charity event from Comic Relief, in association with BBC Sport, which brings together the worlds of sport and entertainment to raise money to help vulnerable people in both the UK and the world's poorest countries.

Thank you once again for your generous contribution to Sport Relief this week. All monies will be counted and forwarded to the charity. We hope to have a final total for you next week.



St Patrick's Day

Please remember that school will close on Tuesday @ 12.30pm for St Patrick's Day as no school meals or EA transport is available on this day.



Dinner Menu w/b 16th March 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pasta Bolognaise	St Patrick's Day No Meals School Finishes at 12.30pm for all pupils	Chicken Burger in Bap	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy	Beef burgers with Onions
Crusty Bread		Seasonal Salad	Carrots & Peas	and Gravy
Chocolate Sponge & custard		Herb Diced Potatoes	Oven Roast and Potatoes	Peas Mashed Potatoes
		Flakemeal Biscuit & Juice	Jelly, ice cream & Fruit	Fruit Muffin, Milkshake