



# BROAD CHALKE C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Communications

So far I have issued two official communications from the Department for Education (DfE) as regards Coronavirus. The school is kept up to date on a daily basis from the DfE and I will send out the advice we receive as it changes, and we must all be prepared to accept that the advice will change in response to what the government decides is the next step. All schools must follow the government strategy at all stages. We will keep school life as normal as possible but take sensible precautions too.

It is going to be a challenging time for us all but we must remain calm and continue to teach our children about the importance of hygiene, which is our best defence. We will all pull together as a school community to live out our aim '**To serve one another in love**' like never before.

At present the DfE is not offering schools specific advice on teaching if schools close as the current advice from Public Health England is that **schools are to remain open**. However, we can begin to make our own contingency plans for the education of our pupils and we will share those with you when or if that becomes necessary, but we do need time to develop our plans.

Classlist already has the functionality within it for teachers to be able to send communications and attachments to parents of pupils in their class, which may be extremely useful in the event of a school closure. It is vital that all parents are signed up to this in order to be able to receive these communications should the need arise.

## Absence

Please follow the normal procedures for reporting your child's absence. If the absence is due to a new continuous cough or a high temperature please check the government advice online.

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

If children become unwell at school with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they will be sent home, but siblings do not need to be sent home under current guidelines.

The NHS guidance will direct you as to whether you need to self-isolate or not for 7 days. Please inform us that this is the case as we have been issued with new codes for our attendance registers.

You can view the guidance around self-isolation online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please note that the government guidelines at this stage for self-isolation **only apply to the individual** affected (although a child will obviously need care just as they would with any illness) but not to the whole family and not to siblings.

## Spring Fair

In consultation with parents who attended the FOBS meeting it was decided to postpone the Spring Fair. However, we agreed the following for the **20<sup>th</sup> March**:

- The planted flower arrangements are still available for pre-ordering. Please get your orders **in by Tuesday**. They will be ready to collect at pick up on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** by the main door.
- The Raffle will go ahead as planned but it has to be after the date stated on the tickets not before, so please do get your Raffle ticket stubs and funds back into the office before **Friday**



**20<sup>th</sup> March.** The draw will take place on **Monday 23rd March** conducted in private by several members of FOBS and we will be in touch to notify the lucky winners as we have some wonderful prizes!

- The non-school uniform day will go ahead but we have changed it to **Friday 20th March** instead. As ever, this is entirely voluntary as sometimes children do not want to join in. There is a suggested £1 donation to FOBS instead of bringing in chocolate.
- The Easter Egg order has been cancelled so parents who have already paid will be refunded.

### **Assemblies and Open the Book**

The Open the Book team, who are all volunteers from our local community who come in to school to do assemblies 4 times each term, have been told at a national level by their organisation to suspend these visits for the time being. Our other assemblies will continue as normal unless government guidelines change.

### **Things to Celebrate!**

It's always important to focus on the positive and there is much to celebrate within our school community! This is a summary of recent events and there are lots of photos on our school Instagram!

### **Choir**

A small number of our choir was invited to the Clayesmore Choral Day and their singing was amazing!

### **Runners**

We also entered the Clayesmore Cross Country with some impressive results and Ned from Y5 was the fastest Y5 runner in the whole competition!

### **Playhouse**

Class 4 enjoyed their visit to Salisbury Playhouse to see a play called Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers.

### **Sleepover**

Class 6 had a fantastic sleepover, enjoying our traditional game of hide and seek in the dark!

### **Kitchen**

Our school kitchen achieved a 5 star grading from environmental health on a spot check inspection.

### **Y2 Vehicle Day**

We had an amazing range of vehicles turn up with thanks to our parents and wider community.

### **Online Safety Poster Winners**

We have chosen a winner from each class and the prizes were awarded in celebration assembly.

### **World Book Day**

We had a non-fiction approach this year and children completed a wide range of activities linked to their topic work including activities such as creating Top Trump Cards on various topics.

### **Lego Workshops**

Class 5 and 6 learnt about programming with two Lego Robotic workshop days funded by FOBS.

### **Air Ambulance Workshops**

Today we have Wiltshire Air Ambulance in to teach Emergency Awareness. This is a programme that we introduced last year to teach the following in an age appropriate way: Making a 999 call • CPR • Choking • Recovery position • Control of bleeding.

Yours sincerely,

  
Mrs Amanda Brockway  
Headteacher

