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Let your light shine



**THE BLUE COAT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (AIDED)
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS' FEDERATION**



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Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID-19 (or Coronavirus) response update for parents and carers

The country is facing an extraordinarily challenging situation with the national and international spread of the COVID-19 virus. I am writing to update you on what we are doing across the Infant and Junior schools to maintain our service for the community.

- Government expectations are updated daily. At this point, the government's expectation is that all schools remain open. We are working hard to stay open for all children who are in a position to attend school. However, many of our staff are now absent as they are either ill themselves or following the government's isolation guidance based on their personal circumstances. This means that we are re-organising how the children are grouped and who they are taught by on a daily basis. At all times, we are ensuring that children have the right number of skilled professionals working with them to keep them safe and provide the best possible learning environment.
- There are lots of preparations being carried out by our staff to prepare for the possibility of the schools partially or fully closing. We have made sure that all the Blue Coat children have access to online learning websites and that teachers are keeping these updated so that the children can continue to carry out learning activities at home if they are unable to come to school. If your child does not have access to the internet through a computer at home, please make sure that you contact the school office and request a work pack to be sent home for your child.
- We are maintaining strict personal hygiene across the schools and the children are washing their hands thoroughly throughout the school day. Please do ensure that your family is maintaining a strict personal hygiene regime at home.
- We have made the decision that to minimise unnecessary social contact, we will not be inviting parents/carers to school events for the time-being.
- We will maintain communication with the community by ensuring that any new information is available to see on our website (www.bluecoatfederation.co.uk) and also through text messages, and Twitter ([news@bluecoat_fed](https://twitter.com/news@bluecoat_fed)).

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- Please make sure that your family is fully following the government's latest advice regarding COVID-19. This means that if anyone in your household is displaying one of the symptoms (new, continuous cough or a high temperature (37.8°C or higher)) everyone living in the home must self-isolate for 14 days. Please do not send children to school if they or anyone in the home is displaying one of the symptoms.

I would like to take this opportunity to praise the amazing Blue Coat staff who are a truly brilliant team, always committed to supporting our children and families to the best of their ability. Their energy, positivity and flexibility at this challenging time are fantastic. I would also like to thank you and the wider Blue Coat community for your support and understanding. I am proud to serve such a special community of children, staff, governors, parents and carers that can pull together to help all our families during such exceptional times.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Orlik
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