



Menston Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are aware of the rising number of full and partial closures of schools in the district. We want to remain open to as many children as possible for as long as possible. To enable us to do this we need your help with a few things.

You will understand that we have to limit face to face meetings wherever possible. This has resulted in cancellation of staff training, visits by other professionals and teacher/parent meetings. If you feel that you really need to speak at length to a staff member this should now be done via a telephone appointment.

If you decide to keep your children off school in line with the guidance from Public Health England, we need you to follow the usual procedure of ringing the school office, leaving a message clearly stating the name of your child(ren), class and why they are absent - please do not assume we will know the reason for absence. If families do not do this, for reasons of safeguarding we have to contact them which wastes a lot of time.

We would also ask that you do not make trips to the school office with non-essential equipment which the children have forgotten eg. water bottles and PE kits.

If we do have to close any classes or year groups, the children of teachers, NHS or emergency service workers will be accommodated in other classes wherever possible.

As things stand, after school clubs which operate on the school premises will continue until Easter. These are Band, Coding Club, French, Multisports, Dodgeball, Yoga and Steel Pans.

As communicated yesterday, if you go to the home learning area of the school website, under the Parents tab, there is a list of school websites which pupils can log into as well as other useful websites. In addition, teachers have updated class pages with suggestions for home learning.

We thank you for your continued support of the school and wish all our families and friends of the school the very best.

Yours sincerely

Iain Jones
Headteacher

Here at Menston Primary School, we are dedicated to safeguarding the well being of all children and adults in the school and expect everyone in our community to share this commitment.