



Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update

For as long as it remains the government's strategy to keep schools open, we are trying to do that each day. In every Brooke Weston Trust school, the starting point for decision making is always whether we have enough staff to keep the number of children who are attending cared for and safe.

This is becoming increasingly difficult as more staff are required to stay at home – either because they have symptoms, a close family member has symptoms or because they are in a vulnerable category. If any Brooke Weston Trust school needs to make the difficult decision to close, either partially or completely, this will be because it has reached a point where the school cannot guarantee the safety of children. In that case the Principal of the school will write to you with full details of our ongoing education arrangements for home learning and how else we will support your children to the best of our ability and resource.

We know so many people are relying on us to continue being open for as long as possible and we really are doing our best to support all of our families. Of course, we are especially mindful of supporting those who work in the health and social care sectors.

May I also say how grateful our school leaders and staff are for the wonderful messages of appreciation and support they are receiving from so many of you. Your kindness and support help us enormously. Naturally as we move into more and more challenging times some of the decisions we are forced to take may not always be well received by everyone. Please be reassured the only thing our staff and leaders are doing is trying to serve our communities and the wider nation rather than putting themselves and their own families first. I am immensely proud of their commitment and professionalism at this extraordinary and difficult time.

In the meantime, may I offer my best wishes to you and your family. Please stay safe and continue to follow the Public Health England guidance and the Brooke Weston Trust website for any further updates (www.brookewestontrust.org).

Best wishes,

Andrew Campbell
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