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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to you to help you understand the preparations we are making to support your child and you at school during the Covid 19 (Coronavirus) outbreak.

Beormund continues to follow the advice of Public Health England (PHE) about keeping our school open and on maintaining high levels of hygiene in our schools. If anything changes in the advice given by PHE, we will inform you immediately.

However, we understand that things are changing rapidly and we want to help you to be prepared in the event that your child is off school or we are instructed by the government to close.

1. The situation now as of Friday 13th March 2020.

Beormund is open and will remain open until we are instructed to close by the government. If this is the case, we will contact you in writing, by text message, email or letter.

What to do if you, your child, or someone you have recently been in contact with, is showing symptoms (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>) of Covid 19:

- If a **family member or close contact** is self-isolating **without symptoms**, your child should come to school
- If a **family member or close contact** is self- isolating **with symptoms**, please inform us immediately and your child should not come to school
- If a **family member or close contact** is **diagnosed with Covid 19**, please inform us immediately and your child should not come to school
- If a **child is showing symptoms or has been diagnosed with Covid 19**, please inform us immediately and your child should not come to school. At this point (as with any notifiable disease) parents and carers of Beormund Primary will be acting under the instructions of Public Health England.

2. What to do if your child is kept off school because they are showing symptoms of, or have been diagnosed with, Covid 19

It is a good idea to start thinking about what you and your child can do if they are at home for an extended period of time.

Taking time off work to look after your child

Speak to your employer if you have to take time off work to look after your child. They should have a plan for staff during this time.



If you don't work and are claiming Universal Credit or another benefit and are concerned about being able to meet your job seeking commitments, contact your job centre or work coach for advice.

Keeping your child engaged while they are off school

Think about stockpiling some activity supplies now: arts and crafts materials, games, jigsaws etc. These can be picked up second hand from charity shops, and some libraries have stocks to borrow. The aim is that they do not become too dependent on screen time.

<p>Some creative ideas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glue sticks and PVA glue• Coloured paper• Craft bag of supplies• Colouring pens and pencils• Colouring books• Sellotape• Jigsaws• Hamma beads (peg boards and beads)• Crosswords - you can complete together• Sudoku - for children who love numbers and can problem solve.	<p>This month's Together Task, featured in the Newsletter, is to play board games with your child. Ideas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snakes and Ladders – can be fun to make your own board• Ludo or Frustration• Word games - such as Scrabble or Boggle• Cluedo – great for strategy/detective work• Guess Who• Monopoly – ideal if you both enjoy maths/banking• Chess or Draughts• Connect 4• Jenga• Top Trumps, Uno or Playing Cards
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Websites for learning

As you know, all children are allocated personalised log ins for **RM Maths, Education City** and **Bug Club** at our school. We will again share your child's login details with home and it will be the expectation that children complete tasks on these platforms daily. Teachers will allocate the appropriate levelled books for your child to read on Bug Club.

Other websites include:

- Times tables: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Get Busy tasks – Busy Things: <https://www.busythings.co.uk/>
- Science: <http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/>

3. Accessing support from other organisations while your child is off school

<https://southwark.foodbank.org.uk/>
<https://southwark.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>
<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/southwark/>
<https://www.pecan.org.uk/southwark-foodbank>
<https://www.cschub.co.uk/>
<https://southwark.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/>

4. What to do if your child is at home because the government has instructed us to close the school

Beormund are also in the process of producing some personalised Learning Packs for the children in the event that we are told to close the school.

We will be available via email to answer any technical queries during this time. Please contact office@beormund.southwark.sch.uk and we will reply as soon as practicable.

We will continue to operate the school as normal until we are instructed otherwise.

Any general updates will be posted to the website or via our Twitter account.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Lisa Butcher
Headteacher



