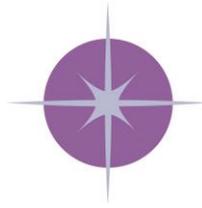




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'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Covid 19 Virus**

I am writing on behalf of the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust to update you on our intentions should the Covid 19 virus progress as indicated by the UK Government.

We have issued information for all staff within the Trust based on the ongoing guidance being issued by the Department for Education and Public Health England. We are putting measures in place to manage the potential for high levels of absence of both staff and pupils.

We would like to reassure parents that we are supporting all our schools and nurseries to take appropriate steps based on their circumstances and context.

**Pupils who are unwell** - If a pupil is unwell, parents should follow the guidance issued by Public Health, which is available on their website at the gov.uk website. If there are any changes, we will send updates home. The advice is currently unchanged with the main recommendations related to personal hygiene.

**Staff who are unwell** - We are advising staff to follow the latest Public Health advice and we will be monitoring Covid 19 related staff absence centrally. We will then follow the advice issued on a case-by-case basis. We recognise that should cases across the country increase significantly, guidance will change, and we would like to reassure you that we have contingency plans in place.

**Closure** - The current advice remains that no school should close unless told to do so by Public Health England. Should large numbers of staff be unable to attend the workplace in order for it to run safely, a discussion will take place between school leadership, the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust central leadership team and school governors, to ascertain whether a partial or full closure may be necessary. If a partial or full closure of a school is implemented for the following day, every effort will be made to inform parents by 4.00pm, at the latest, each day.

As we have seen in other countries, a programme of full school closure may be a measure that the Government decides to implement. In those circumstances we will send out a further communication to you in the usual way via the school messaging service, websites and social media. If this happens teaching staff will set and publish work that pupils can complete at home.

I am sure you will agree it is important that we are prepared for all eventualities. I thank you for your support. Should public advice change we will ensure you have the most relevant and up-to-date information.

Yours sincerely

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