

18<sup>TH</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers & Students,

### **CORONAVIRUS UP DATE**

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been implementing various ways to keep ourselves safer by increasing our hygiene routines at BPRU.

Over the last few days, my staff and I have been continuity planning to ensure that we can continue to plan and deliver quality education to your child over the next few weeks and into the Summer Term.

**HOWEVER**, over the last couple of days the Government has also introduced new, stringent measures to help delay the peak of Coronavirus that all of us as a society need to follow, such as:

- Increasing self-isolation and for longer periods of time
- Discouraging mass public gatherings
- Limiting social events
- Reducing non-essential travel (home and abroad)

**Therefore, in response to these measures**, BPRU are taking the following actions between now and the end of the Spring Term and then reviewing them for the start of the Summer Term. This situation is moving so fast, that is very difficult to predict what we may have to do and when – please be prepared for fast changes that may last a day or days or longer.

#### **BPRU may have to:**

- Cancel our Performance Review Day on 2.4.20 – your child's reports will be sent to you and telephone conversations will be set up with you to discuss your child's progress report with your Keyworker. In this way we can reduce social gatherings.
- All planned trips, workshops and presentations are being reviewed and visits will be cancelled if the risk is deemed too great in light of the current situation.
- Limited home visit and face to face meetings are being reduced, but more telephone calls are being increased.
- If there become staff shortages, all students' timetables are likely to become reduced per day – so sticking to set times will be essential.

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- Work for your child may well be internet based using new on-line learning programmes at home and at school with written work on paper that is used in school and then finished at home.

**BPRU, will continue to:**

- Promote high standards of personal hygiene, including washing hands on entry into school and after PE activities etc.
- Keyworkers to have contact with you by email or by phone – please respond as you can.

**EXAMS 2020** – schools have not received any official advice or guidance to any changes – so we are continuing to undertake the planning and delivery of them as normal.

**CAN YOU please** continue to inform us of any changes from home that affect your child's circumstances? Please do this by phone – 01283 247986 or by email direct to your child's Keyworker. Thank you in advance, for working with us.

Finally, thank you for your continued support and on-going understanding during these unprecedented times. All the staff at BPRU continue to remain calm, non-sensational and professional in working with you and your child – so that together we can enable your child to achieve the social and academic success that they deserve.

Please contact me if you need to discuss this letter further.

Kind regards

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