

# The Coastal Federation

Bacton Primary, Mundesley Infant (SRB) and Junior Schools

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## COVID - 19 Update

Dear Parents

**What you need to know from GOV.UK** For more information please [click this link](#)

- *staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal*
- *if staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home*
- *clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using your standard cleaning products*
- *supervise young children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds more often than usual with soap and water or hand sanitiser and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues*
- *posters and lesson plans on general hand hygiene can be found on the [eBug website](#)*
- *unless you have been directly advised to close by the local Public Health England Health Protection Team, we recommend all education settings remain open*

## The Coastal Federation Update

With the risk of this information being out of date tomorrow, such is the fluidity of the situation, this is the Federations response to date;

As you will be aware, the Government has issued additional advice to the UK regarding the current COVID-19 outbreak. They have advised anyone presenting with mild symptoms of COVID [a new cough, shortness of breath or a new fever] to self-isolate for a period of 14 days.

As parents you will need to make a decision as to whether your child presents with these symptoms and then whether or not to keep them at home for a period of 14 days. If you do decide to keep them at home, please notify the office in the normal way. It is important for attendance records that you notify us whether your child has symptoms. Whilst we, of course, continue to insist on the highest possible standards of attendance, those with genuine illness should be kept at home for this period.

The reality of the outbreak is that it is only a matter of time before further cases reach Norfolk [a number were reported over the weekend] but we, with your support, are trying to delay cases in the Federation community as long as possible. We are continuing to add additional cleaning measures to the daily routine, ensuring pupils are aware of how to maintain good personal hygiene.

As a Federation of schools we have decided, based on advice given to continue to keep our schools open BUT **we will limit the number of additional people that your child comes into contact with** or enter the buildings. So what does that mean? (please see the chart below)

Parents are to drop their children in the playground and not enter the building (including dropping off and picking up for breakfast club, Coastal Club) - if you have a query or question, please phone or email the school offices. All meetings will need to be phone meetings.  <a href="mailto:office-bacton@coastalfederation.com">office-bacton@coastalfederation.com</a>  <a href="mailto:office-mijs@coastalfederation.com">office-mijs@coastalfederation.com</a>
Parents' Evening this week will be postponed until after Easter
The SEMH Support Advisors will not be seeing parents until after Easter
ALL additional activities for example - sporting fixtures, trips and visitors to the school will be postponed
Whole school assemblies for the children will be postponed (unless essential) - a review after Easter will be carried out - this includes Parent Assemblies - ie Congratulations Assembly
Children will be kept further apart during lunchtime using additional spaces.
ALL <b>essential</b> visitors (educational psychologists, social works etc) will be asked to sanitise their hands before entering the building

## Community Update

It's important that if we come across useful information, we should share this with you. According to health authorities, your mobile phone is one of the most unhygienic items you have and, during this time, requires cleaning to ensure you can reduce the risk of infection. There is a link here to a demonstration of how to clean your phone safely:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/technology-51863924/coronavirus-how-to-safely-clean-your-smartphone>

Also, a reminder of how to significantly reduce the risk of infection by washing your hands. I think we all THINK we know how to do this properly, but are we cleaning them properly? Here's how the NHS recommends we do this [they really do know what they're talking about!]:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

You may not be aware but the Department for Education has set up a helpline for schools and parents. Should you have any questions that we are not able to answer, they may be able to help:

0800 046 8697 [DfE COVID helpline]

## **Easter Holidays**

Please could I ask that if you and your family are intending to take a holiday over the Easter break, please could you inform the school. It would be helpful to know the dates and destination. Please send this information to:

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If there is anything further we can help with, please do let us know.

Yours sincerely,

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