

Friday 20th March 2020

Meade Hill School Update on Coronavirus

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are all aware, the pandemic of the Coronavirus is impacting on families and the school community. I am writing to update you on the actions that Meade Hill will be implementing to ensure the safeguarding, welfare and education of all our pupils and their families. Government and local authority guidelines change daily; the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of Coronavirus is clear. **If children can safely stay at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. Whilst we are formally closed from Monday 23 March onwards, we will continue to support your child, both academically and pastorally.**

At Meade Hill we are committed to providing a service that will support the National Strategy in managing the Coronavirus Pandemic. However, we also have a duty of care to our staff and their families, as a result of this, our local offer is changing:

The offer from Monday 23rd March, special opening hours will be:

- School will be open from 9.30-1.00pm
- Transport will continue as normal, if your child has a place on transport, that will continue but collection and drop off times will change to accommodate the new hours
- The bus escorts will inform you of the new times
- Breakfast and lunches (a hot meal) will be provided as usual
- Pupils on free school meals: the government is currently developing a national food voucher, when details of this become available, we will inform you. For children who are not in school (self-isolating), we will contact you on a daily basis, to offer support if required
- Work packs will be delivered for pupils not in school, please see the Meade Hill Website for a range of appropriate on-line learning resources to support home education
- School will strictly follow the government guidelines on self-isolation and your child will not be allowed back into school until their 14 day isolation period is over. This period must start again if another member of your household becomes symptomatic
- If you need any help or support then please contact the school



- If you are a key/ front line worker, identified on this Government Website :
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>
Could you e-mail Mr Hoyles, the Safeguarding/ Parent Liaison Officer on: c.hoyles@meadehill.manchester.sch.uk ?
- Visitors and parents/carers are not allowed onto the school premises at this time
- As we are operating on a skeleton staff, teaching groups will be mixed and an adapted curriculum will be delivered
- New, stricter protocols will be in place with regards to pupil hygiene and social distancing. Pupils will be required to arrive and leave school in their own clothes and change into their uniforms in school. Their uniforms will be left in school and laundered by staff for the next day. Pupils must wash and sanitise their hands at opportunities provided throughout the day
- Staff will not engage in physical restraints, therefore pupils who present with the most challenging behaviours, will have their provision adapted
- Enhanced cleaning and hygiene regimes are being carried out around the school

What we need parents/carers to do:

- If your child is unwell, has a temperature (this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back - you do not need to measure their temperature) or a new continuous cough, report this to the school office and pupils and their families should remain in isolation for 14 days
- If your child displays symptoms in school, we will contact you and request you collect them immediately
- If you have changed your contact details, please inform the school straight away
- If a child is absent during this current pandemic and parents report this to school, they will not be recorded as absent but as a **Y** code and no statutory action against absence will take place

Emergency contact numbers if you cannot contact the School Reception:

Mr Campbell (Head Teacher) - 07395905407
 Ms Mullan (Deputy Head Teacher)-07394915152
 Mr Hoyles (Parent and Safeguarding Liaison Officer)-07394915163

For up to date information, please check:

The school website- <https://meadehill-ebsd.co.uk/>
 Twitter- @meade_hill

Yours faithfully

George Campbell

Head Teacher