



Dear Parents and carers,

As the situation continues to change in relation to COVID-19 we would like to share with you our planning in relation to the updated government advice, and in relation to any future requirements for academy closure.

We can assure you that at the time of writing we still have no reported cases of any pupil or staff member diagnosed with COVID-19 in any of the Cabot Learning Federation academies. We are continuing to follow the advice of the UK Government and Public Health England and will not close unless directed to do so.

As you may be aware from the recent government announcements, those suffering with even mild symptoms akin to those of corona virus (persistent cough, fever) should self-isolate for 7 days. This may mean your child having to miss school; please do contact the Academy on the first day of absence if this is the case for your child. Please do note that the government is **not** requesting whole households to self-isolate if one member of the household has a persistent cough or a fever. At some stage in the future this advice may change and should this be the case we will be sure to update you.

We understand, that you, or your child, may be feeling anxious about the impact of a possible future school closure on your child's learning, particularly if they are due to sit SATs this summer. Plans are in place to continue to support pupils and staff in the event of closure. These include contingencies should we need to close for a short period of time for a deep clean as well as for any longer term directed closures. We are also considering a variety of options involving partial closure – ie the school open part time or for some year groups and not others – should we find ourselves in a position where we cannot safely and effectively run the Academy at full capacity because of staff absence in line with government guidance on self-isolation.

Should we need to close for a deep clean, or for any other reason, we will tell parents through our usual communication route advising both when the closure will take place and when children should return to school. In the event of being directed to close, the academy will be ensuring pupils can access learning via:

Year Group	Provision of Work	Links to online learning
Nursery to year 6	Home learning will be sent home in a pack for each child with resources, expectations and instructions. Members of staff will be phoning home and would like to speak to children about their learning and any difficulties they are having.	http://minervapa.org.uk/ https://whiterosemaths.com/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround

How can you support your child?:

Follow the instructions in the pack that we send home and try to make sure they spend at least 2 hours each day on the tasks. School will be giving house points for all work completed. If your child is having difficulty there are some good websites listed above that can support.

It is vital that we have up to date telephone numbers, addresses and email addresses for each of our children and their families. If you are in any doubt as to whether we have the correct information, please contact the Academy to update us. Our aim is to call as many children during a closure as we can to see how they are getting on so please make sure you answer (even if it says unknown caller).

In the meantime, links to the Department of Education helpline are provided below.

Other contacts you may find useful are:

Food bank Vouchers –If your child gets free school meals, you may be able to access food bank vouchers. You can apply online at: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/benefits-financial-help/apply-for-an-emergency-payment>

Or you can contact the team by: - **email:** lcpf@bristol.gov.uk, include your full name and address

phone: 0117 922 4500, Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon (we can't take household goods applications by phone)

If you are worried about child or young person

First Response : 0117 949 0944- (01454 615165 at weekends and evenings.)

Access and Response : (If you live in south Glos) 01454 866000 (01454 615165 at weekends and evenings.)

NSPCC 24 hour Helpline: 0800 800 5000 (free from a landline)

NSPCC Text helpline: **88858** (service is free and anonymous)

NHS 111 - NHS

NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem and you're not sure what to do. ... go to 111.nhs.uk

Police – 101 non emergency calls or 999 in an emergency

Talking Money - Talking Money is an independent charity providing free, confidential advice to individuals with financial problems. There are also drop in centres in Kingswood and Staple Hill. Main Address: 1, The Hide Market, West St, Bristol BS2 0BH Phone: 0117 954 3990

Next Link –As well as domestic abuse support services we provide women's mental health support services and independent support for victims of rape and sexual abuse

nextlinkhousing.co.uk

Domestic abuse telephone help lines are open 8:30am – 5:30pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am – 1:00pm on Saturday 0117 925 0680.

Local Organisations

Hillfields Church : 0117 9654140 – open all week 9.00am – 4pm

Children centres

Hillfields Library - Phone: 0117 903 8576 Summerleaze, Bristol BS16 4HL

Speedwell: Address: Speedwell Rd, Speedwell, Bristol BS5 7SY Phone: 0117 903 0329

Little Hayes Children Centre ; Address: Symington Rd, Bristol BS16 2LL Phone: 0117 903 0405 Kingswood

Children Centre: Address: Hollow Rd, Bristol BS15 9TP Phone: 01454 864144

Thank you for your continued support of your child and of our school during this unusual time.

Yours faithfully



Pete Hallam
Principal

The department for Education helpline to answer questions about COVID 19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

- Email DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

The Academy website has a page dedicated to providing access to Public Health England advice, this is updated daily.

<https://www.clf.uk/coronavirus-advice/>