

## COVID-19 – Coronavirus

Bishop Hooper School is closed this week to enable a thorough clean of the school premises following instruction from the Local Authority to close, due to a suspected case of COVID-19. We plan to open under a limited capacity, with the bare minimum of staff for pupils in desperate need of care, from 8:50am to 3:15pm Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 until circumstances change.

Please, only send your child(ren) to school if you have NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE. If you have adult siblings or adults not in the vulnerable categories at home, your child(ren) should STAY AT HOME. If you can alter shift patterns, take leave, contact your employer to see if you can work from home, please do so. By sending your child in to school, you are putting them, your families and our staff and their families at risk of contagion.

We continue to receive daily updates from the Department of Education and Public Health England.

There is dedicated DfE advice line which is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

The latest Government guidelines for educational settings can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The latest Government guidelines on social distancing for educational setting can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-social-distancing-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-social-distancing-in-education-and-childcare-settings>