



Week Ending Friday 13 March 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Following the COBRA meeting on Thursday 12 March and the Prime Minister's announcement, it is our intention to maintain as normal a routine for the school as possible. We have a number of contingency plans based on Government advice, should they need to be put in place.

In the event of the Government deciding that schools should close, all students should now have been issued with details of where resources will be found and which learning platforms staff will use. All of these details will be kept on the school's website and updated frequently throughout any closure, should it be necessary.

Additionally, the Department for Education has launched a new helpline for staff, parents and young people to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. The helpline can be contacted as follows: phone: 0800 046 8687, email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk. Opening hours: 8.00am-6.00pm (Monday to Friday).

Please find below details published by the NHS detailing the symptoms of the Coronavirus:

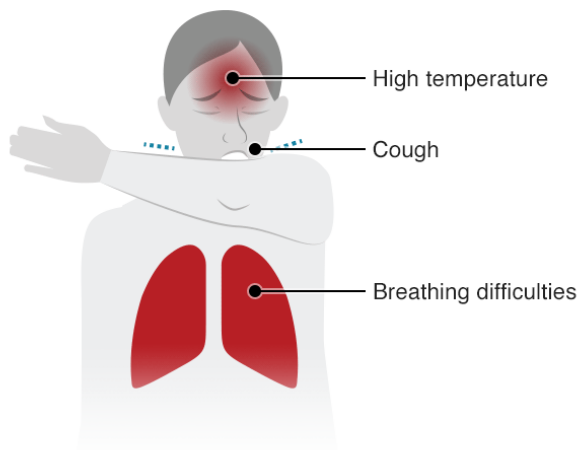
What are the coronavirus symptoms?

Coronavirus infects the lungs. The symptoms start with a fever followed by a dry cough, which can lead to breathing problems.

*It takes **five days on average to start showing the symptoms**, scientists have said, but some people will get symptoms much later than this.*

The incubation period lasts up to 14 days, the World Health Organization (WHO) says. But some researchers say it may be up to 24 days.

Coronavirus: Key symptoms



People will be most infectious when they have symptoms, but there have been suggestions some can spread the virus even before they are sick.

The early symptoms can easily be confused with other winter bugs including colds and flu.

Therefore, the Government advise that anyone with a "new, continuous" cough or high temperature should self-isolate for seven days, as the UK moves to the "delay" phase of its plan to tackle coronavirus.



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IT'S ALMOST TIME ... DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!

BETHS GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENTS:

THE WIZARD OF OZ!

19TH, 20TH & 21ST
MARCH 2020

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE BOX OFFICE



THE WIZARD OF OZ
(RSC VERSION)
By L. Frank Baum
With Music and Lyrics of the MGM motion picture score
By Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg
Background Music by Herbert Stothart
Dance & Vocal Arrangement by Peter Howard
Adapted by John Kane from the motion picture screenplay
By arrangement with MusicScope and Stage Musicals Limited of New York

THE WIZARD OF OZ!

DATE:	THURS 19TH	FRI 20TH	SAT 21ST
SHOW TIME:	7:00PM	7:00PM	1:30PM
PRICES:	ADULT £5	CHILD £3	CONCESSION £3



**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT RECEPTION
DURING BREAK & LUNCH**



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International
Women's Day

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IWD is celebrated on the 8th of March every year around the world. It is a focal point in the movement for women's rights.

Here's to strong women.
May we know them.
May we be them.
May we raise them.

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Ex-Beths student Samuel Edozie excited by U18 PL Cup Final

<https://www.mancity.com/news/eds-academy/sam-edozie-man-city-under-18s-pl-cup-final-preview-63719356>

Parents' Wellbeing Workshop Evening – Wednesday 25 March from 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Please look out for an email from us about the above inaugural event. As part of our continued emphasis on the wellbeing of our whole school community, we've got six exciting workshops planned for parents (with topics ranging from e-safety to how bereavement can impact a family). All you need to do is tick which two workshops you would like to attend and return the slip to Reception. We look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations to our Musicians!



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Ghana Independence Day

On Friday 6 March 2020, we celebrated Ghanaian Independence Day with food, music and of course, dance. Ghana was one of the first sub-Saharan countries to gain independence and holds a special place in the hearts of many people with African heritage.



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

SUMMER

Raffle

Thank you for supporting the
Beths Parents Association's
Registered charity
No.801836

Students were provided with
tickets in form – please return
unsold tickets to the school office
for further distribution

Counterfoils, monies and unsold
tickets to be returned to the school
by Tuesday the 14th July 2020

The Draw will take place at Beths
Grammar School, Hartford Road on
Friday the 17th July 2020

Tickets are £1.00 each

1st Prize:
Round of golf for four people
worth £180

2nd Prize:
Family photoshoot
worth £160

Plus
15 prizes of a £20 Voucher
for either
JD sports/Amazon/Cinema





Students Arriving on School Site

We would like to continue to remind you that we are struggling to cope with the number of students arriving on site prior to 8.00am in the morning. Below is an extract from a Blog earlier in January, which we would like to remind you about.

Wednesday 22 January – Road and Parking Concerns

As you know, each week in the blog we ask that parents be considerate of our neighbours when dropping or picking up their sons and daughters at the school.

Unfortunately, on Wednesday at 8.15am, our fire alarm went off and as with school procedure, we had to evacuate those in school to our 'muster point'. As is also procedure, students and cars were not allowed to enter the school site until we were advised the site was clear. Due to cars blocking Hartford Road, the Fire Brigade were unable to access the school site. Fortunately, this was a false alarm, however if it hadn't been, the fact that the Fire Brigade were not able to get to the school could have resulted in such dire consequences, as the loss of life.

*The incident on Wednesday, also highlighted that students are arriving on site before 8am, the earliest permitted time of arrival. If there were to be an incident/emergency before the start of the school day, we would have no record of the students on site or their location, and no first aiders to deal with any accident that may occur. Please ensure that your son or daughter arrives at school **no earlier** than 8am.*

We have also been made aware, on several occasions, of cars blocking neighbours drive ways, and on some occasions, being quite abusive to the residents. Please can we remind you that we are constantly trying to work with our neighbours to ensure we have a good relationship; inappropriate and inconsiderate parking only reflects poorly on the school's reputation.

There is also the issue of when students are dismissed at the end of the day, their vision is obstructed by the number of cars parked along Hartford Road and we have, unfortunately had a number of incidents where students have been injured by cars as they have tried to cross the road.

If parents were to refrain from dropping and picking up their sons or daughters by car, it would greatly eliminate the issue experienced by both the school and our neighbours.





SPORTS SECTION

Results

FOOTBALL				
11.03.2020	2 nd XI League	2 nd XI v Langley Park	Home	Won 3-0
RUGBY				
BASKETBALL				
09.03.2020	Friendly	U17 v Sevenoaks	Away	Lost 60-30
10.03.2020	Basketball England Regional Round 1	U16 v Woodlands	Home	Match conceded

Fixtures

FOOTBALL				
18.03.2020	N Kent League	2 nd XI v Blackfen	Away	
RUGBY				
17.03.2020	Sevens	U14 Rugby Sevens Tournament	Home	
BASKETBALL				
16.03.2020	Kent Semi Final	U16 v Trinity	Home	
17.03.2020	Kent Semi Final	U13 v Langley	Away	
18.03.2020	Friendly	U17 v Welling	Home	
	Kent Semi Final	U15 v Robert Napier	Away	
VOLLEYBALL				





Emailing the School

Should you need to email the school with items/concerns of a more 'sensitive' nature, please email headspa@beths.bexley.sch.uk rather than the generic admin email address.

Up and Coming Events

Saturday 14 March	Saturday Production Full Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 19 March	19.00 School Production of 'The Wizard of Oz'
Friday 20 March	19.00 School Production of 'The Wizard of Oz'
Saturday 21 March	13.30 (Matinee) School Production of 'The Wizard of Oz'
Tuesday 24 March	Year 12 UCAS Convention at Excel
Thursday 26 March	Year 11 Parents Evening in the Hall

