

Bishop Road Primary School

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Dear Families of Bishop Road,

Week 2 COVID Closure

There are a number of updates for you as we approach the end of the second week of our enforced closure.

Updated DfE information for parents

Firstly, the Department for Education has issued updated information for parents and carers and it now includes advice on keeping your children safe online at this time:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Meals/Vouchers

You may have seen that the government have announced ongoing support for children who are entitled to free school meals through the benefit system. This is different from the universal free school meal programme for all children under 7. We have confirmed with the Local Authority that from Monday 20th April we will be joining the supermarket voucher scheme that you might have read about. All families that are eligible should have been contacted by the school office to organise this. The current arrangement for meal collections will continue until the voucher scheme begins.

Home learning

The home learning section of the website will continue to be updated every week. We appreciate many families will choose how they organise this period of home learning during school closure and may run a different timetable in the next couple of weeks as this would normally have been the Easter break. We are also aware that many families value the routine of daily tasks and will choose to continue with this pattern largely unchanged.

New home learning resources in preparation for next week commencing Monday 6th April are available from this afternoon on the school website. We trust that the children will enjoy the new research project about British wildlife. You will notice that there is now a dedicated home learning page, with further guidance and activities, and accessible via the school website home page. We have also begun to create videos to demonstrate some key methods used in maths. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to develop this area of our home learning provision.



Staff have been adjusting to their new routines working both in and outside of school but have not stopped thinking about their classes. If you go to your class page on the website, you will find a special message each teacher has written to their class. Teachers will continue to keep in contact in various ways through the website over the coming weeks and we will be developing this further to support you in delivering the home learning tasks as well as maintaining your children's connection with the current class teacher.

We have contacted all families who have been using our on-site provision to confirm this will remain open every week day throughout the period of school closure including school holidays and bank holidays.

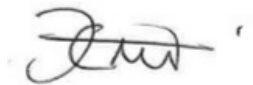
We would like to remind you that, while the school is currently closed, the office is also closed. The emergency school contact details for this period remain unchanged. Will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible.

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Thank you so much for your messages of support. As the situation develops we will continue to keep you updated.

Yours sincerely,



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