



19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

In school, we have been preparing for the government's announcement of school closures this week. As from Monday 22nd March, school will only be open to children of key workers **from our school only** (the government will be announcing later today a list of 'key worker' jobs), vulnerable children and children with an Education Health Care Plan.

Planning, Teaching and Learning

Teachers have been working hard to ensure that children will have the same work whether they are learning at home or at school and the expectation is they complete this on a daily basis. As long as it is needed, teachers will send a learning plan via ParentHub each week to every parent (EYFS, KS1 and KS2) and will share with Key Stage 2 children via google classroom. We are also sending out a suggested timetable too to help but you can adapt to fit in with your family. Please can parents of Early Years and Key Stage 1 children share with their children. Teachers will be checking in on children who are working from home and making contact with parents via ParentHub to ensure children are understanding work and have completed what has been asked.

Learning packs will be quite big as we are preparing for learning over several weeks. The books will be used in school when children return so please can children look after them and only complete the pages specified in their plans.

We expect there may be some glitches so it is really important to us that you let us know. This has never happened before but together we can make sure what we have planned works well. I have discussed expectations with children today that the work needs to be completed to a high standard and on time. Children have been very sensible in school and have asked some really good questions but some are also understandably anxious so we have talked to them today in classes. Teachers are setting work and would welcome constructive feedback on how your children are doing. Please could this be done via email to admin@bbs.ebor.academy or ringing and leaving a message. As we will now be in school, you will be able to ring our school number on 01977 355020. The way we have planned and share with parents will hopefully work well but we always welcome any ideas to improve.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 Children

Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 will have weekly packs of learning. We will be giving children packs tomorrow covering the next two weeks for Early Years and the next two weeks plus the week after Easter for Key Stage 1. If we are still in the position that we need to continue with learning in this way, we will produce more packs to go with learning plans and you can either collect from school or we will drop it off. Preferably you will be able to collect from school.

Key Stage 2 Children

We are hoping that all Key Stage 2 children can have a chrome book to take home but if your child already has a chrome book, and you are happy for your child to use it for school work, please would you complete the google form which can be found at <https://forms.gle/YP8cXJGxCZX2NzgRA> no later than 12pm on Friday 20th March.



Our internet provider is putting special filters on so from Monday, children accessing school learning from their own devices will have the same filters as those using school chrome books. It would really help school if parents do not mind their children using their own chrome books so we can still have a few in school. Whether children are coming in to school or working from home, they will all be given a chrome book and learning pack in Key Stage 2. **Chrome books will need to be signed for by parents when children leave school on Friday.** We have purchased books to be used alongside chrome books. Those children coming in to school will be expected to bring their chrome book and learning pack with them each day they attend. Please can parents ensure this happens, otherwise they will get behind with their work.

Children of Key Workers

For children who are coming in to school, school will start normal time on Monday: 8.45am line up to start the day, 3.15pm finish. As we need to know how many children will be attending, further details about how you can notify us will be sent out as soon as possible. Key Worker parents and parents of children with an EHCP can choose when their children learn at school and when at home but will need to notify school beforehand if they plan to attend. We are still waiting for confirmation about whether vulnerable children (those with social care support) will need to attend full time or whether parents can choose when they come to school.

Children can come into school in non-uniform for this period. Please could they wear, if possible, clothes that do not matter if they get muddy so they can take part in outdoor activities without spoiling clothes and sensible footwear, preferably trainers or sensible shoes.

Breakfast club will still run for those families who need it.

Children will need to bring in a packed lunch as we are not planning to have hot school meals. The Trust and NYCC are working on providing vouchers for children eligible for free school meals and I will update you when we have more clarification.

Playcare has also confirmed they will be open for children of key workers only.

School will also be open during the Easter holidays for children of key workers, vulnerable children and children with an EHCP. This will be run more as a holiday club with activities such as sports, games, craft, forest schools, sewing, cooking. During the holidays, school will open and close at the normal time and breakfast club will run.

Staffing

Staff in school will work on a rota basis so there are sufficient teachers to work with children both in school and support children working from home. We will have breaks and other activities in school to ensure children have active learning as well as those set by their teacher.

Positive Confirmation of Coronavirus

Please would you let us know immediately if anyone in your family has been diagnosed with Coronavirus so we can take next steps.



Meeting Tomorrow (Friday 20th March) 2.45pm

I am sure you may have questions that you would like answered before we close the school to most children tomorrow afternoon so I am inviting you to a meeting to share what we have planned, what is expected of children during this period and answer any questions you have.

Parents will also then have the opportunity at 3.15pm to discuss with teachers any additional queries you have. Packs will be handed out to all children before they leave but chrome books will have to be handed to and signed for by parents.

Children Not In School Tomorrow

If children are not in school tomorrow because they are ill or families are self-isolating, we will make sure you get a pack either tomorrow or Monday morning. If you not self-isolating because you or your family have symptoms, please would you come to school later in the afternoon to collect a pack or pack and chrome book.

Our Children's Future

As a school, we are passionate that our children do not miss out on their learning and get behind because of this virus. They are great learners and have many years of learning ahead of them. We do not want to make it harder for them to achieve their best. We want them to be amazing and, knowing you want the best for your children too, we can work together to make sure this happens. I have no doubt there will be some moans from some children so please feel free to say school have set this and you can contact us to talk to the children if this helps.

Many thanks for your support. I am sure there will be lots more information to share (and some information I may well have missed telling you in this very long letter) which I will do as soon as possible so you are all fully informed.

Mrs Fletcher