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Update on operations from Bretforton Village School

Friday 27th March 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am extremely grateful to all families for their support as our organisation has adapted to provide continuity of education both at home and on site. Issuing stringent criteria to parents about who can send their child to school goes against everything our Education Trust stands for, but because of the serious consequences that you are all more than aware of, it has been necessary to allow us to function as stipulated by the government.

All staff now contribute to a successful rota of on site working at Bengeworth Academy, allowing us to minimise exposure to the COVID-19 virus whilst providing essential provision for children of critical workers. However, we now have to ensure that this provision continues safely for the immediate future and so we have to make the following changes.

From Monday 30th March:

- **The School Office and the usual office@ email will be closed** for all but emergency enquiries. Rest assured that we will resolve outstanding financial queries when normal service resumes and we will continue to communicate operational information on a regular basis via our website, email and text. All communication regarding pupil welfare and learning will continue with teachers using the temporary email system currently in place – contact@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk
- **The Academy Kitchen will be closed**, so any children accessing Emergency Provision will need to bring their own packed lunch. Those families entitled to Free School Meals will receive a weekly voucher equivalent to £2.30 per day that is redeemable at a choice of grocery stores. You will only receive a voucher if you have specifically registered for Free School Meals - this is not the same as the Universal Infant FSM provision for all Rec, Y1 and Y2 pupils, which is suspended.
- **Home Learning** activities will continue to be provided for pupils following the scheduled Easter holiday. Activities will be available from Thursday 16th April for the week commencing Monday 20th April. This will be notified by text or email depending on your communication choice. Arrangements for distribution of these will be made available then.

The school Youtube channel is now open and has a range of difference videos for the children (and you) to stay in touch with their teachers. If you haven't had a look yet, the link for that is - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH4-X271bH-sTNpibpOFR&w>





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I am aware that some families who were previously in self-isolation may be coming to the end of that period. If you are a family with a key worker and may therefore require childcare for your child, please use the contact@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk to let us know. However, I must reiterate the message from national government that the strongest recommendation is that, where possible children should remain at home and not be in school – this is the best possible option to reduce the transmission of the Corona virus and thus reduce the pressure on medical services.

I hope that this information is useful and gives some reassurance as to what our plans are. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk email address.

Stay safe,

Mr K Riley
Head of School

