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Update on operations and staffing for September 2020

Thursday 9th April 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we are now halfway through what would have been the Easter holidays, I felt this would be an appropriate time to update you on some information regarding the school and our activities behind the scenes as we plan for the remainder of this year and the start of the next academic year.

Home Work Packs

We will now be providing activities for work at home on a weekly basis. As I have said before, we are not in the position where we can distribute paper copies of work to all families and so work will now be provided via the school website. A page has been set up - <http://bretforton.ng3.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=63> where you will be able to access your child's learning for the week. There are also some generic links on there that you may find useful. The links for each class are on the left hand bar on that page. This page will be updated weekly on a Thursday.

Bretforton YouTube

Our YouTube channel is updated regularly with keep-in-touch videos and some activities you may wish to participate in. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH4-X27IbH-sTNpibpOFR8w>

Free School Meals

In these uncertain times, we know that families may be experiencing financial challenges and so would encourage anyone who may now be eligible to apply for them. Although we are not providing meals, we are able to facilitate receipt of supermarket vouchers to the value of £15 per child per week for eligible families. Please contact the school office for more information on how to apply – office@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk

Staffing from September

As you are aware, prior to the shutdown, I was supporting Cleeve Prior Primary School for part of my week. In the event that we return to school during this academic year, this will continue as before. However, from September this arrangement will continue for the 2020-2021 academic year and so I will be sharing my time between Bretforton and Cleeve Prior. Therefore I will no longer be teaching Otter class, but I am delighted to announce that Mrs Howard will be returning to our school part-time after her period of maternity leave. She will be joining Mrs Darby teaching the Year 2/3 class next year. As her maternity leave ends in December, we will be seeking a short-term solution to work with Mrs Darby for the autumn term. To replace Mrs Howard in Year 4/5, we are currently recruiting for a new teacher to work full-time in there from September.





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Arrangements in Reception/Year 1 are unchanged with Mrs Hancock and Miss Ellis continuing to teach this class as before. There will be new members of staff joining the Bretforton team in September, but rest assured, we will endeavour to make sure that your children have the opportunity to meet and work with any new teachers, despite the current circumstances. Our prime objective during this time of uncertainty is to maintain the progress we have achieved with your children and continue the positive relationships we have established with you as parents.

As ever, if you have any queries about the contents of this letter. I hope that you have all found time to relax as a family and make the most of the Easter period.

Take care and stay safe,

Mr K Riley
Head of School

