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Dear Parents and Guardians

School closure: Home-learning provision

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding regarding Coronavirus. This has been much appreciated at this difficult time in order to keep our whole school community safe.

Following the Government's announcement on Wednesday evening, **schools have been instructed to close to almost all children after Friday 20th March until further notice.**

From Monday we will run a limited emergency childcare facility for our key worker homes. **Please see an urgent letter posted to the website earlier today regarding the list of keyworkers.** (As of 2:30 pm today, the Government had still not published the list.)

- Keyworker homes will be contacted tomorrow (through text and mail) to make you aware that we deem your family to be in the Government criteria and that your child is able to access childcare facilities from Monday at Bicton School.
- We will then be contacting you weekly (every WEDNESDAY) to gather details for the following week: We will require the days you wish to access childcare / the lunch requirements and any updated emergency contacts we need to have. From this we will then collate registers for the week ahead. We require **this information by THURSDAY at 12** each week please.

For non-keyworker children while your child is at home

- Your child's learning is important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn.
- We are sending home exercise books for all children.
- Reading books will also be sent home.
- We are sending out online learning links that can be used and paper-based work to complete in the first instance. These will be updated weekly on the class pages on our website <https://www.bictonschool.org.uk/parents/home/parents-area/classes/> You will receive information from your child's class teacher(s) on what is expected.
- We have also set up class email addresses for parents or older pupils to contact their teacher (s) with any questions. Please can we ask that this is kept to key questions only, to ensure this is manageable, and they will only be available to respond during school hours. Teachers will also send you a weekly message on the website to keep in contact.
- The website and Twitter facility will remain updating you throughout this time.

- Please make sure that you are subscribed to receive email notifications or check the website regularly for updates.
- Class 1 will continue to use Tapestry – if you do not have access to it please email Mrs Bowes at class1@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk

If you do not have internet access at home, please call the school office and we will try to make alternative arrangements to support your child in learning at home.

If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much information as we know right now and we really appreciate your continued support, patience and understanding as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via email to admin@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk

Remember if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

On behalf of all staff, thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Finally, and on a personal note...

I know you will have concerns about what these forthcoming weeks, and possibly months, will bring and I share your concerns. Having wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember, I cannot imagine what life is going to be like not seeing your children every day and not having those interactions with them. We can get through this together so all I ask is that you look after yourselves and try to keep yourselves safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Natalie Johnson
Head teacher