



Bentham Community
Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

20th March 2020

Following the announcement that all schools are to close with the exception of providing childcare for children of those identified as 'Key Workers', we have now received some clarification over who is classed as a 'key worker'. I have spoken to all parents this morning who have been identified as 'key workers' and discussed childcare arrangements. If I have not spoken to you or you have not contacted school, then you need to make arrangements for your child to be cared for at home. This is not about 'entitlement', it is about doing the right thing for the greater good of society; accommodating the greatest need and limiting social interaction and the spread of the virus – allowing the school to stay open for those who need it the most, but also keeping our staff safe too.

For the extremely small number of parents whose child/children will be in school next week, the following arrangements have been made:

- School will be open to you during the times that is required for you to work between 8.00am and 3.30pm.
- Staffing will be in place from Monday.
- A school lunch will be provided for them, please do not send a packed lunch from home. Please do not send a water bottle from home.
- Breakfast will not be provided to children.
- At least 2 members of staff will be in school at all times. We hope for this to include a teacher but this may not always be possible. Our Teaching Assistants are extremely well qualified, experienced and all of them are mums themselves so your children will be safe and well looked after! A member of the leadership team will also be available.
- Our intention is to educate your child and care for them at the same time. There will be a mix of learning, playing, eating and relaxing. We ask that they do not bring toys and resources from home at this time.
- Children should enter school and be collected from the Car Park entrance (used for Breakfast club).
- If they have any medication, please ensure this comes to school with them and our staff will administer this as we normally do in school.
- 015242 37338 is a new phone number for our school which we can access from the Community Room. Please add this to your phone contacts so that you know it is us trying to get in touch. Please use this to contact the member of staff "on duty" at that time.

As much as possible, we would like to plan ahead for which children will be in school and when. Please can you complete the attached form as far ahead as you can. We appreciate this will change and we ask that you just keep us informed. Use the phone number above or email admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk with any up-dates/amendments. We will issue new sheets with future dates on over the coming weeks.

Please can we remind you that you will not be able to enter the school building at any point and we thank you for your cooperation with this.

Please be aware that at the moment, we have not had confirmation from the LA as to the long term plan. It may be that 'hub' schools are used and your child may be cared for within another school. We will let you know more information when this has been confirmed with us. As far as we know at this stage, your child will be in Bentham School.

The key message is that schools are CLOSED, but we are doing what we can to support our families, given these unprecedented circumstances. Thank you to all those who are working hard to support the community and the most vulnerable in our society; especially those in the NHS.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch and we will do our best to support you.

Many thanks

Mrs C Pearson



Headteacher

Name of Child/Children:		
	Drop off Time – Collection Time e.g. 8.00am – 3.00pm	Drop off Time – Collection Time e.g. 1.00pm – 3.30pm
Monday 23rd March		
Tuesday 24th March		
Wednesday 25th March		
Thursday 26th March		
Friday 27th March		
Monday 30th March		
Tuesday 31st March		
Wednesday 1st April		
Thursday 2nd April		
Friday 3rd April		
Monday 6th April		
Tuesday 7th April		
Wednesday 8th April		
Thursday 9th April		
Friday 10th April		
Monday 13th April		
Tuesday 14th April		
Wednesday 15th April		
Thursday 16th April		
Friday 17th April		



