



20th March 2020 11am

Dear Parents,

School closure

Following direction from the government in response to the coronavirus, all schools across England will close at the end of today for the foreseeable future.

From Monday schools are asked to provide 'care' for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and whose parents are **critical** to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

If you are classed as a **critical worker on the government list***, and **would like to take up the offer** of a place from Monday, please let us know by **1pm today**. I will confirm the place later today.

*<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

To let us know: complete [The Form](#), email or call the school office, stating

- Employer name, email, telephone number.
- Child's name and year group.

Child care will run on the **New Southgate site** only, **9-3pm**, dependent on staff available to work. Children will need to bring a **packed lunch** as we cannot guarantee lunches will be provided at this stage.

Home learning Pack

- Each year group team has prepared a **Home Learning Pack** with a range of learning activities appropriate for each class.
- The packs can be downloaded from the Bowes website by visiting the 'Parents' section and clicking on 'Home Learning Packs'. (*From Monday*)
- As teachers will not be able to oversee or feedback on this work, any support you can provide will be helpful, but we understand this will very much depend on your situation
- The tasks are based on the work the children would have been focusing on between now and the Easter break.
- Work completed by the children can be recorded in their Home Learning books or any other book.
- Some of the work listed is project based, encouraging children to research and present their findings as they choose.
- In the likely event that the closure extends beyond the planned Easter holidays, further packs will be prepared and made available on the school website.

In addition to the Bowes Home Learning Packs, we have created a folder of some extra activities, produced by www.classroomsecrets.co.uk. There is a pack of activities for each year group, with answers, so work can be marked at home. We have not checked the 'level' of these and so activities may be too easy or too difficult, so it may be useful to look at the year above or below. We have also included a folder of useful websites, for each subject.

Safety

Now more than ever, we need to keep safe. In addition to washing hands, keeping a distance from people and self-isolating where necessary, we also need to remind children of how to stay safe online. The 'Online Safety' page on the Bowes website offers lots of advice <https://www.bowesprimaryschool.org/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=220>

School office emails will be checked during our closure. Please keep yourselves safe and we hope we are able to return as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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