



# Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN

“Promoting a love of learning”



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## Guidance for Parents Re: Covid-19 Coronavirus

### Update 3

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As a school, we are continuing to respond to ever-changing information and developments provided by the Government, the Local Authority and the Public Health Organisation.

**As you will know, schools in England will be closed from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice.** We also know that some schools will be asked to remain open, with a skeleton staff to provide support for the children of key workers. A list of who this covers is to be released later today.

### Information Gathering

We hope you will have already seen the information on our school website and Facebook page asking you to facilitate our early stages of information gathering so that we can make plans to offer the necessary support to those who need it most. At the moment, we are making plans to respond to what we **know**, and that is key workers will include those working for the NHS or emergency services.

If either or both parents fall into this category, and you wish to be considered for any childcare we are able to provide, then please e-mail [mainoffice@beestonprimary.org](mailto:mainoffice@beestonprimary.org) with some proof of your current employment; this can be in the form of wage slip/contract/letter headed paper/ID badge.

In accordance with GDPR this will not be saved on our system and will be deleted immediately.

Once the Government publish further information on who our key workers are we will contact all Parents/Carers again.

Please be aware that from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March schools will not be teaching children who will be eligible to attend. We will be providing childcare during school hours to allow key workers to continue to fight the pandemic.

### Parents of Children in Nursery

We had already made the decision to close our non-statutory provision for Nursery children from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. However, if you are defined as a key worker then we may now be in a position to support you with childcare, along with those children of school age.

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### **Children entitled to Free School Meals**

Like everyone, Leeds City Council have been working with schools across the city to make plans to provide lunches for those pupils who are entitled to free school meals. There are now 'Production and Distribution Hubs' who will prepare and put together a cold 'Grab Bag'. The Grab Bag will include a sandwich, a cake bake, a piece of fruit and a small drink. If the meal is for a child who requires a special diet then this will be marked up accordingly. Further information about how this system will operate for families at Beeston Primary School will follow as soon as we have confirmed the logistics.

### **Children with Special Educational Needs**

Our Inclusion Team have been busy making plans so that we can appropriately support those pupils who have Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). Our staff will contact parents and Carers of those pupils.

### **Home Learning**

Those children who were in school yesterday brought home a specially prepared pack to support home learning. Our brilliant team of teachers and support staff have been working hard to set up a system to best support our school community in this unprecedented time. By Monday, a section on our school website will go 'live' with clear 'tabs' for each year group. Alongside a wide range of generic activities for pupils to access such as websites, games and fun physical activities, each year group page will be updated with new activities and learning opportunities by 9.00am each day. We really hope that this is helpful and can provide a daily focus for you as you spend more time at home.

### **Forward Planning**

Thank you so much for your patience and support as we plan to support you and the community to the very best of our ability. As you will appreciate, we are working in an incredibly challenging and ever changing climate, but rest assured our amazing team at Beeston Primary School will continue to respond and do all we can to look after our school community. Please ensure that you keep a close eye on our school webpage <https://www.beestonprimaryschool.co.uk/> as we will be communicating any changes and updates to you via this platform. We will also send out a text message to alert you as well as updating our school Facebook page where possible.

Please look after each other and stay safe.

Best wishes,

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