



Leppington, Birch Hill, Bracknell, RG12 7WW
Headteacher: Michael Dillon B Ed (Hons) MA

Sunday, 22 March 2020

Dear Parents,

COVID19- update Sunday 22nd March 2020

Despite the circumstances, I hope you and your family are all well and continue to follow the Government's advice, as do we as a school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

As per the guidance, we are officially **closed** until further notice and the expectation is that everyone should stay at home. We are only open and providing care and support to the most vulnerable children and those of Key Workers who are in the front line helping combat the COVID19 virus. We are all very happy to do this.

This weekend, we have been busy organising our list of Key Workers and arranging rotas for staff to care for approximately 60 children – as well as thinking about the wellbeing of staff. From Monday we will be operating with a skeleton staff, and will be moving to a week on, week off rota. This is to ensure staff have minimal contact to ensure their own safety.

Please be assured that we will continue to do everything we can to support all children throughout this process. For those children who do come to school, we will provide a safe and fun environment. For those at home, we are exploring ways of how we can stay in contact and share the learning they are producing at home. We will let you know more details in the coming weeks.

Staff have been preparing Home Learning Resources and we will post these on the school website tomorrow. If you do not have online access, we are also arranging hard copies of the packs for anyone that needs them, which can be collected from the school office. Going forward, these will be published on a weekly basis. We are looking into having a dedicated member of staff available (online/telephone) to support children and parents with any technical issues, again we will let you know in due course when this is up and running.

Staff have all displayed amazing dedication to the whole school community throughout such a challenging and fast moving situation. I could not be prouder of them and cannot thank them enough for their hard work and continued support.

We look forward to working together to support our whole community in such a critical time. Please bear with us as we adapt to this new way of working and communication.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need anything, but please email us rather than call and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael M". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Michael Dillon
Headteacher