

Covid 19 Update – 19th March 2020

Today we have put plans in place for the closure of the school for most pupils from tomorrow.

As mentioned before, we are sending the children home with Learning Packs. Please wait for the daily Email/Tapestry message before getting started as we will be providing daily information to support our pupils' learning and help to structure their day at home. The children who will be in school will be doing broadly the same work.

Any problems with the system – please do not hesitate to contact us.

For those children who will not be here tomorrow, we are offering a drive-through collection in the layby. This will be available between 10:00 am and 12:00 am. Please pull into the layby and drive to the end where we will hand over packs through the window!! Please be patient if you need to wait, we need to make sure the right children get the right pack! Let us know if you want someone else to collect your child's.

Once we have established who the 'key workers' are we will be contacting these people directly about the arrangements for the coming weeks in terms of what we can offer as childcare provision.

If you do not hear from us by lunchtime on Friday and believe that you are a key worker please contact the school.

It is important that all parents/carers who believe that they are 'key workers' complete the form emailed out earlier today. Please be considerate in your request for childcare; we will do our best to support you over the coming weeks – including the Easter holiday – but if you do not need childcare, because you have another adult in the household who is not a key worker, please do not request it.

Staff are under pressure to manage home learning, support in school with childcare and work through their holidays as well as meeting the needs of their own families. They are more than happy to do what they can and appreciate your understanding.

We also don't want to lose our daily story time so we now have our own YouTube channel! If you search for Bewdley Primary on www.youtube.co.uk and click on the icon, you'll be able to see a variety of teachers reading class books. There will be more stories from Monday, when more teachers are able to do so. At present, it is just those teachers who are self-isolating. There is no need to subscribe to YouTube to be able to watch the videos.

We understand that many children are feeling sad, worried, uncertain or even wildly excited about the prospect of not coming to school. We hope to keep our school community together through regular communication and shared experiences even if we can't all be together. Please keep in regular contact with us through email and Tapestry and watch out for updates on the website and Facebook.

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