

BLACKHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Coronavirus Update - Special Provision



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

As you are aware, our school will be closed for the majority of our children but special provision has been made to remain open for children of key workers and vulnerable children. The key worker list has now been released and some of our children do fit the criteria to be included in this group.

This is a very worrying time for all of us and everyday life will change dramatically for our children. As I am sure you can appreciate, we all have to do our very best to reduce the risk of spreading the virus any further. With this in mind, we kindly request that parents and carer remain as consistent as possible with their childcare requirements.

In line with the government guidelines, the following special provision has been organised:

- School will be partially open for small number of children. These children will be organised into two main groups by age. Each group will be supervised by two members of teaching staff. Please note however, that the provision is childcare. Staffing arrangements will change regularly and will not necessarily be staffed with adults who are familiar to all of the children.
- The school day will be from 9am - 3pm. Handovers can only happen at these times to reduce face to face contact.
- Children in EYFS (Bluebells, Dragonflies and Fireflies) will enter the school building in through the reception class entrance from the main school yard.
- Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (Classes 1 -6) will enter the building from the main school yard through the Year 1 entrance.

- Lunch will be provided for all the children. If you prefer, your child may bring their own packed lunch with them.
- A reduced amount of lunchtime supervisors will be available to supervise your child over their lunchtime period.
- Our school office will be open if needed. Please telephone or email and avoid face to face contact where possible.

Thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times. Please be re-assured that we are following the advice from the Department of Education as and when we receive it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please avoid face to face meetings and contact myself via email at blackhallprimary@durhamlearning.net and I will do my best to help.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs Clark, Head teacher