

# BLACKHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Coronavirus Update - SCHOOL CLOSURE



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We have now received confirmation from the Department of Education that all UK schools will be closed for the majority of pupils from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 for the foreseeable future in an attempt to delay the spread of the coronavirus.

**Our school will be closed for most children but special provision has been made to remain open for children of key workers and vulnerable children.**

This is a very worrying time for all of us and everyday life will change dramatically for our children. We appreciate that parents and carers are not experts and be re-assured that you are not alone. With this in mind, our school have made some preparations to support our parents, carers and children in their home learning.

The following actions have been organised:

- Each class will distribute an age appropriate work pack for our children which the children will be asked to complete
- A class letter explaining the work pack for parents/carers will be included
- A 'timetable' with suggested timings of tasks will be included
- Children who are already self-isolating will have their packs hand delivered by members of school staff
- Teachers will work from home - preparing and planning lessons for the children's return, up-dating our assessments and writing children's reports.
- Teachers will review our curriculum and plan ahead for our pupil's return to school
- Each class now has its own email address for all home and school communication. Class teachers will be in touch on a weekly basis after Easter.
- Our school will provide regular up dates as we receive them via text, facebook and our school website.

Thank you for your support during these unprecedented times. In school, children have behaved very sensibly and have continued to focus on their learning. We will try extremely hard to minimise disruption as much as possible and provide information as we receive it. 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](mailto:blackhallprimary@durhamlearning.net) and I will do my best to help.

Yours faithfully

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