



CG/LA/Closure  
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Dear Parents / Carers,

As I am sure you would expect, we are updating information about the current schools situation as it becomes available. Further, I would like to clarify and respond to concerns and questions which have been raised with us, perfectly reasonably and understandably, in the past few hours since our previous communication was sent out. PLEASE NOTE OUR DEDICATED EMAIL ADDRESS AT THE FOOT OF THIS LETTER.

You may be aware that government guidance on what is considered to be a key worker was published in the early hours of this morning and can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

**However, it is essential that we maintain sight of the following extracts from the document which state very clearly:**

- *The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend;*
- *Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.*
- *If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be;*
- *Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.*

#### Commonly Asked Questions

What are the school opening times during the 'closure' period?

They are the same as normal, 8.40 until 3.10 unless your child accesses 'Breakfast Club' whereupon it will be from 8.15.

What happens with lunches in school?

The same as always! If your child is in Reception or Key Stage One and has a school lunch, no payment is required. If your child has a meal which is paid for then this is done in the same way via ParentPay.

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I am a key worker. What happens if my situation or shift pattern changes and I need to alter when I have stated my child will attend school. What should I do?

Let us know when you want your child to attend school as we will need to know. **We now have a dedicated email address which is [schoolclosure@belmont.rac.sch.uk](mailto:schoolclosure@belmont.rac.sch.uk).**

What will my child be doing whilst in school?

Obviously we are an educational establishment and, as such, an education will be provided but this will largely replicate what is being sent home. Guidance is very clear that the key purpose for educational establishments to remain open is primarily for the provision of childcare for those parents and carers identified to be 'keyworkers'.

To support the ongoing education of children whilst at home, we have also provided a list of appropriate websites which children can access but, as previously mentioned, please be mindful of your child's online activity and refer to this website for any advice: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>.

My child is in Nursery. What is the provision for this?

If you do need your child to attend Nursery, then they will be expected on their usual session, either morning or afternoon.

Does my child have to wear his/her uniform?

Yes, all children attending school will have to wear their uniform.

**AGAIN, PLEASE NOTE OUR DEDICATED EMAIL ADDRESS FOR YOU TO UPDATE US ON YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY:**

**[schoolclosure@belmont.rac.sch.uk](mailto:schoolclosure@belmont.rac.sch.uk)**

Above all, please do adhere to the advice being passed out from Central Government and, again, the key message we are all receiving is that the best place for children to be as far as is possible is at home.

With best wishes to all.

Yours Sincerely



Mr C Gibson

## Useful websites for parents

[www.twinkl.co.uk](http://www.twinkl.co.uk) - resources are available for a variety of topics. This website has now become free to parents.

[www.numbots.com](http://www.numbots.com) - Maths resources. Children will need their TTRS username and password.

[www.bbcbitessize.co.uk](http://www.bbcbitessize.co.uk) - Some great videos and resources across a variety of topics.

[www.espresso.co.uk](http://www.espresso.co.uk) - Username: student190 Password: pass A full range of resources.

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) - For maths resources

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) - Phonics games offering free access to parents (user: march20 pass: home)

[www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com) - A selection of maths and literacy games

[www.stem.org.uk/teaching-science-through-stories](http://www.stem.org.uk/teaching-science-through-stories) - For science and discovery based resources

[www.education.scholastic.co.uk](http://www.education.scholastic.co.uk) - Parents can register for a free account

<https://masterthecurriculum.co.uk/> Are allowing free downloads of any of their mixed objective materials for the foreseeable future.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/> Free to register for with hundreds of ebooks with added activities/comprehensions.

<https://myminimaths.co.uk/> Maths resources

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6r99N3kXME> Daily physical activity sessions

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/> Great for science resources

<https://theimaginationtree.com/> for art and creative play ideas

Don't forget your child now has access to Education City!

