



Bicton C of E Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for responding to our online form so quickly and for your patience and messages of support today. We ask that you read the information below carefully, which explains our arrangements for the forthcoming weeks.

Provision for critical worker/vulnerable children

We have received a very high number of requests for places for critical worker/vulnerable children. We need to keep everyone as safe as possible so we ask that you only take up your child's place if you need it. This will help reduce the number of children attending school/nursery and ultimately keep everyone as safe as possible.

Your child's teacher will be contacting you via email/Class Dojo/Tapestry to confirm if your child has a full-time place from tomorrow. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL/NURSERY UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD YOU HAVE A CONFIRMED PLACE

- **School-aged children (not Nursery) are expected to attend full-time – Monday to Friday – and we are not able to offer part-time provision.** If your child is unwell and will not be attending, parents must inform school by 9:30 am of their child's absence.
- Drop-off and collection times have not changed since last term – see reminder below

Class	Drop-off	Entry/exit Location	Collection	These arrangements will be kept under constant review and changed as necessary.
Nursery	8:50	Nursery metal gate	2:50	
Willow	9:00 – 9:05	Nursery metal gate	3:00	
Hazel	8:55 – 9:00	Blue wooden gate	3:05	
Rowan/Maple	8:45 – 8:55	Hall door	3:15	
Oak	8:45 – 8:55	Blue wooden gate	3:15	

- Breakfast club will run as normal and needs to be booked and paid for via sQuid.
- After-school clubs will run as normal for school children but **NOT NURSERY** and should be booked and paid for via sQuid.
- School dinners will be served as normal or children can bring a packed lunch.
- School uniform must be worn and children should only bring essential items: lunch bag/water bottle/ book bag and reading book.
- Children will be accessing the same work in school as the children learning at home remotely.
- Children will be taught in the same bubble as they were in before Christmas.

Provision for children not attending school/nursery and learning remotely at home

- For all children who are not in school remote learning will begin from Wednesday 6th January.
- Children in Hazel, Maple, Rowan and Oak will be invited to take part in a brief morning Teams video meeting with their class teacher, where the work for that day will be discussed. Please watch out for the meeting link for tomorrow morning in the Microsoft Teams chat. Your child's class teacher may arrange additional Teams meetings as and when it is necessary.
- Children will be set 4 assignments each day; a reading/phonics activity, an English activity, a maths activity, and an afternoon activity which may be linked to the class topic. These assignments will be uploaded by 9:00am each morning. Once your child has submitted their work, this will be marked and returned. There is an expectation that all children will complete the assignments set, however there will be no deadline for submission of an assignment as we understand many of you will be working from home and we thank you in advance for your support.
- Class teachers and support staff will be available to answer questions and support children as needed via the chat/message functions on Microsoft Teams during the school day.
- Mrs Bowes has emailed Willow parents separately and Miss Stone will be contacting Nursery parents.
- If you have not already informed us that you need to loan a school device, please let us know ASAP. Staff will be contacting parents on Wednesday morning to arrange delivery/collection of devices.
- All children have been given their Microsoft Teams logins. This will be essential in order to access the work set. Please contact us if you do not have your child's login details.

Finally, we would like to reassure you that we will continue to do everything we can to support our children – those learning at home and those attending school. We know that everyone has faced challenges over the past 9 months and as a school we are eternally grateful to all of the support our families have shown not just to the staff but to each other. We look forward to a time, hopefully in the not too distant future, where we can return to some sort of normality and say a proper 'thank you' to you all.

Take care and please stay safe

Mrs Johnson and staff x