

6th April 2020
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Dear Families,

Re: COVID-19 Update – 6th April 2020

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and managed to soak up some of the sunshine (while keeping social distancing measures in place of course!)

From today, we have entered what usually would be the two-week Easter break. Although it is tempting to go outside and meet with family and friends as many of us would have planned to do, it is extremely important that we stick to the guidelines we have been given for lockdown.

Easter holiday opening and communication

Burton Borough School will remain open for the duration of the break, including Good Friday and Easter Monday, for our key worker and vulnerable children families. However, it is important to note that **we will have even fewer staff in school than we have had over the last two weeks** so we would be very grateful if any **communication, including emails to individual staff members, is kept to an absolute minimum**. Please only contact if there is an emergency.

Free School Meals

After liaising with the local authority, I am delighted to be able to let you know that although we would not usually provide free school meals during the Easter holiday, **we will be offering vouchers to the value of £30 for the two weeks**. I attach the letter from Councillor Shaun Davies and Councillor Shirley Reynolds who have confirmed this. **Further details will be provided by the local authority** in the middle of the week on how the vouchers will be sent to you.

Wellbeing

Our wellbeing is paramount during these unprecedented times, and I hope the following information will be useful:

- The flyer for **BEAM, a children's counselling service** (attached) should your child feel the need to speak to someone while school is closed.
- The **SEND Families wellbeing letter** (attached) from the local authority as there is a lot of information that you may find useful, even if your child does not have special educational needs or disabilities.
- Mrs Heins, our wellbeing lead, has also been putting together wellbeing newsletters which I am sure you will find very useful. The newsletters have been created in collaboration with all staff and it looks like the next edition will be a bumper issue! I do hope you will enjoy them!

Look after one another and keep smiling!

With all good wishes,



Krissi Carter
Principal



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