

**Brinsley Primary and Nursery School, Moor Road, Brinsley, Nottinghamshire
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School closure – information for parents

Date: 5 January 2021

Dear parents/carers

It's hard to say this without sounding sarcastic, but Happy New Year, I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and are ready for what lies in the weeks and months ahead.

I wanted to start this letter by reinforcing why we have gone into lockdown in the first place: "You must stay at home. The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives" [[Government lockdown guidance](#)]. It is with this firmly in mind that the decisions and procedures in this letter have been made.

Please find in the information to follow our advice based on any guidance we have been given. This, like everything, may change, but we will always give you as much notice as possible.

Key worker provision:

Due to the need for this lockdown we would encourage families to **keep their children at home if at all possible**, however the DfE have said, "*During the period of national lockdown, schools and colleges should only allow vulnerable children and the children of critical workers to attend. Children with at least one parent or carer who is listed as a [critical worker](#) are eligible for a school place. It is not necessary for both parents to be critical workers.*"

We would ask that critical workers and parents of vulnerable children book what days are needed the week before. When you bring your child/ren to school at 9am please bring them to the school office. Please collect them from classes at 3.15pm (see below).

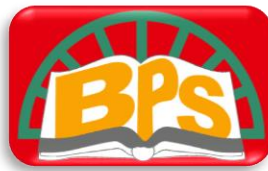
Free School Meals:

Currently the Department for Education and Nottinghamshire County Council have said that they will provide packed lunches (or the food for this) to parents of those eligible for FSM in the short term. There may well be more information to follow from the government about vouchers, but until this happens please expect in the next day or two information about how to collect (or have delivered) food from the school kitchen.

Breakfast & After School Club:

This week we will be unable to provide breakfast or after school childcare. We will review this towards the end of the week for next week and beyond. Please rest assured that when schools return the Nook will return as normal.





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Home learning:

Key Stage 2:

- Each week there will be a **timetable** for the week ahead. It will be shared on Class Dojo.
- Every day there will be an **English, Maths and Topic lesson/activity** – which should take up to an hour each.
- There will be a **spelling test** (Zoom) on a Friday.
- Between 10am -12pm there will be a **video (Zoom) contact**.
- Teachers will also provide an **extension activity** – “20 things to do”
- Work can be completed and **returned** online, or on paper.
- Teachers will **feedback** on work they receive.

Key Stage 1:

- Each week there will be a **timetable** for the week ahead. It will be shared on Class Dojo.
- Every day there will be an **English (including phonics), Maths and Topic lesson/activity** – which should take up to an hour each.
- There will be a **spelling test** (Zoom) on a Friday.
- Between 9am -10pm there will be a **video (Zoom) contact**. There will also be one after lunch.
- Teachers will also provide an **extension activity** – “20 things to do”
- Work can be completed and **returned** online in the Class Dojo portfolio, or on paper.
- Teachers will **feedback** on work they receive.

Early Years:

- Each week there will be a **timetable** for the week ahead. It will be shared on Class Dojo.
- Every day there will be an **English (including phonics), Maths and fine motor activity**.
- There will be a daily video contact to talk about what to do that day.
- Work can be completed and **returned** by photo online, or on paper.
- Teachers will **feedback** on work they receive.

In all cases teachers will make sure children are engaging and if they are not, they will get in touch to see if there is anything we can do to help.

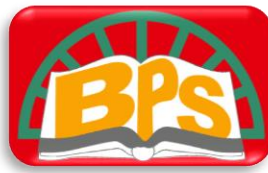
Access to technology:

The government have schemes to support some families with difficulty accessing technology and therefore online learning. I will be in touch in the next few days with families who qualify for these schemes to determine if any would qualify for this help.

General points for School Closure:

- The school day is 9am to 3.15pm. This is not childcare, so unless there is a legitimate reason you cannot drop off later and collect earlier than these times.
- Please drop children off at the office/school hall 9am





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- Please collect children at 3.15pm
 - o FS1 & FS2 from FS2 class
 - o Year 1 & 2 from school hall
 - o Year 3 & 4 from old building door near memorial garden
 - o Year 5 & 6 from old building door near corner of site
- The children in school will be expected to do the same work as the children at home, which is part of our usual curriculum.
- Please communicate with teachers by phone message, through Class Dojo, or you can also send an email to the class email:
 - o fs1@brinsley.notts.sch.uk
 - o fs2@brinsley.notts.sch.uk
 - o Y1@brinsley.notts.sch.uk
 - o Y2@brinsley.notts.sch.uk
 - o Y3@brinsley.notts.sch.uk
 - o Y4@brinsley.notts.sch.uk
 - o Y5@brinsley.notts.sch.uk
 - o Y6@brinsley.notts.sch.uk
- All the usual Covid-19 safety measures that have been in place continue to be in place in school.

There are probably other things that I have not answered yet, but please do keep sending an email to the rsvp address, messaging the teachers on Class Dojo, or calling the school office.

The teachers will be in touch with you with more detail related specifically to your child.

Kind regards,

Jason Osprey
Head Teacher

