



# BRAMFORD AND SOMERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FEDERATION



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Dear parents/carers,

## Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close our schools to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, delivery drivers, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime **if you let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories and you will need to access this provision. Please let us know by either telephoning or emailing our school offices as soon as possible:**



[office@bramfordprimary.net](mailto:office@bramfordprimary.net)

01473 741598

[office@somershamprimary.net](mailto:office@somershamprimary.net)

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We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to and as soon as we can provide you with specific details of how and where this will be provided.

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by our usual communications including parent mail and our federation website: [www.bramsomfederation.net](http://www.bramsomfederation.net)

## **What we'll continue doing while your child is at home**

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. **Tomorrow every pupil will be issued with a home learning pack.** This will contain work and activities to support your child's learning at home over the next two weeks, taking you to the Easter break.

It will include guidance for you as parents and carers as to how much to aim for each day and to help you provide a balanced range of activities for your child/children.

**If you are already self-isolating, please do not worry, we will ensure this pack reaches you by either popping it through your door (if you are a local parent) or posting it to you.**

In the longer term we will be providing ongoing learning opportunities for your child/children using **google classroom**. You will find details of this and how you will be able to log in within your home learning pack tomorrow.

**We appreciate that not all families have access to online learning opportunities and will do our best to continue to support you with paper-based resources also. Please ensure you inform the school if this applies to you by tomorrow otherwise we will assume you are able to access learning through google classroom.**

### **How to contact us after Friday**

During the closure, you will be able to contact our schools using the above email addresses. Once we know more about arrangements moving forward, it may be possible that you will be able to contact us at certain times by telephone.

### **Free School Meals**

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

### **School clubs, events and trips**

As per my last letter, please be reminded that additional provisions such as school trips, clubs and events and any internal exams or tests will not be going ahead for any pupils for the time-being.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via the above contact details.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Burgess

Executive Headteacher