

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

School Opening for Key Worker and Vulnerable Children

From next week, the school will only be open to students who have at least one parent/carer who is defined as a key worker. Full list can be found here:

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

However, where possible, children should stay at home, even if their parents/carers are key workers, as long as appropriate childcare can be arranged. (For example, we advise that children are not supervised by 'vulnerable' or 'at risk' adults, such as elderly relatives.) Key worker parents/carers should also ascertain from their employer whether their job role is crucial to the public services at this time during the pandemic and/or whether home working is possible.

School will also be open to students who are considered vulnerable. This may be students who currently have an Educational Healthcare Plan (EHCP) or are under direct contact from a social worker, however, if you feel your child is vulnerable and not in one of these categories, then please contact school.

It is essential that we know the arrangements for every child on each day. Therefore, if you are requiring a school place for your child over the school closure period, then please contact school before you intend to take a place, especially at short notice. As part of our safeguarding protocols, we need to ascertain students' whereabouts if we were expecting them in school and this could mean disruptive phone calls to key workers at this crucial time, which we would like to avoid. We know that, for some parents/carers, school places may only be required on certain days – which we are more than happy to cater for – but this, again, does need arranging through the School Office, to ensure we can safeguard all pupils.

As stated previously, students/adults must continue to self-isolate if they or any of their household have displayed any of the symptoms (continuous, new cough and/or a raised temperature), regardless of whether their parents/carers are key workers. They will not be able to attend school.

Brompton Buddies (Wrap-Round Care)

We shall be running our wrap-round care service, free-of-charge, to any student that attends next week. This provides care for children between 7.45am-5.30pm (although, for crucial key workers, this can be negotiated to different hours, to suit needs – please contact in advance to arrange this). This, again, needs booking through the School Office.

Easter Holiday Opening

We are in discussions with North Yorkshire County Council to ascertain whether we will be open for key worker children over the Easter Holiday period, to allow essential services to continue running at this crucial time. More information regarding this will follow, however, currently, the school can offer this provision.

School Meals (incl. Free School Meals)

All students that attend school next week will receive Free School Meals. However, students will need to 'stick' with their choice of having school meals for the full week, as no alternative can be provided. Although, if preferred, students can have a packed lunch from home, but this must also be their choice for the full week, so we can prepare orders properly.

For students that receive Free School Meals, including all children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2), we can still provide a school packed lunch, whether the child is at school or not. These can then be collected from school at 12pm. Alternatively, within reason, there may be a possibility that these lunches can be delivered to home addresses. If you would like to take this provision, then please contact school in good time to arrange for this. We know some parents/carers rely on free school meals, especially at this difficult time, so we want to ensure provision is made for these pupils.

In the coming weeks, the government is announcing that Free School Meal vouchers will be available, however, we feel until this comes into place that the above provision should allow these students to receive a guaranteed lunch each day, if required.

School uniform – Students attending school do not need to wear uniform. They may want to bring trainers, in case we go for some 'fresh air' around the village!

Home Learning

It is expected that all students that are not attending school continue their learning with their learning packs, which were provided earlier in the week. There will be daily videos from teachers, outlining a suggested schedule of tasks to do on each given day, as well as a celebration of students who have worked well (either in school or at home). Students can send in photos/videos or messages containing their work, which will be generously rewarded. This will allow a real link between home learners and school learners, so that, whilst we are isolated physically, we can avoid be isolated socially – children will be able to speak with their friends. So please do encourage your child to complete this work and interact through your ClassDojo account. Login details were provided in the learning packs for ClassDojo, however, if you are having difficulties accessing, please contact school.

Safeguarding

If you have concerns about the safeguarding of pupils, either in the school or those being taught at home, please contact me in the first instance (headteacher@bromptonsawdon.n-yorks.sch.uk or 01723 859359). If your concerns are urgent or you cannot contact me, please contact NYCC safeguarding team on 01609 780780.

End of Year and End of Key Stage Assessments

As you are no doubt aware, end of year/Key Stage assessments have been cancelled by the government. This means that the following assessments will not take place:

- Early Years' Foundation Stage profile (although teacher assessments may come later)
- Year 1 Phonics Screening
- Year 2 (End of Key Stage 1) SATs and teacher assessments
- Year 4 Multiplication Test
- Year 6 (End of Key Stage 2) SATs and teacher assessments

Thank you

Thank you so much for your support over a challenging period in the school (and nationwide). I know many of you are currently worried about the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic and its impact on our daily lives, so I appreciate your flexibility in altering childcare and schooling arrangements at relatively short notice.

Take care,

Mr Cooper (Interim Headteacher)

Wordsworth's Daffodils



With our closure, we will, unfortunately, not be able to take part in our Wordsworth Wedding event. Earlier in the year, children planted daffodil bulbs, in preparation for the event, with the help of Dr Mary Jones and Dianne Ford – great friends of the school.

Some of the children, on Tuesday, got to visit The Church to see the daffodils. They also got their photo taken for Scarborough Evening News, so keep a look out!

Mrs Stroud's Big Brunch!



(Above) The children enjoyed Mrs Stroud's Big Brunch on Thursday – they loved the 'Full English' style meal, with lots of sausages, bacon, hash browns and mushrooms!

Well done to Noah and Tom, who won themselves a 'Maths Month' prize for being the winning entry in Mrs Stroud's 'Design Your Own Brunch' competition!

(Left) Today was Miss Groombridge's final day of her teaching practice, before she becomes a fully-fledged teacher! We are exceptionally proud of her and she will be forever a part of the Brompton Family – we will miss her (especially in Class 3), but wish her all the luck for the future.



Our last 'proper' day for now!

