



Bessemer Primary School

Part of the Bessemer and Keyworth Federation

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Monday 23rd March 2020

Coronavirus update

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will be aware, all schools in the country have been instructed by the government to close for all children except vulnerable children and those of key workers. **Bessemer will be closed until further notice.** Throughout this closure, we will continue to communicate with our families through text message, email and on the school website. **As social distancing and self-isolation are the absolute best ways to slow down the spread of the Coronavirus, we would strongly urge all families to stay at home unless going out is absolutely necessary – this is a public health emergency.**

To receive email alerts with the latest government updates about COVID-19 (Coronavirus), click on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/email-signup?link=/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Food vouchers

It was announced by the Secretary of State that there would be a universal food voucher scheme for families of children who receive free school meals. As of yet, there have been no further details of this. At Bessemer, we know that it is an extremely worrying time for our families so we want to help where we can. **If you have an immediate need of support to provide food for your family during the next week, please call the school office and / or email office@bessemergrange.southwark.sch.uk (include your name, and your child's name and class in your message).** A member of Bessemer staff will then contact you. As soon as we know any further information about the universal food voucher scheme, we will of course share details with our families.

Support for families - reminders

Below are the details of other agencies who you can contact if you are concerned about providing food for your family throughout the closure of Keyworth. **If you do need to contact one of the agencies below and your child receives free school meals, please share this information with them:**

<https://southwark.foodbank.org.uk/>

<https://southwark.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/southwark/>

<https://southwark.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/>

- **Southwark Foodbank (PECAN)** - 020 773 20007 / <https://www.pecan.org.uk/southwark-foodbank> Five centres operating in the borough with opening times and locations listed on its website.
- **Oasis Foodbank** - 0207 357 7331- Has one distribution centre in Southwark at St George The Martyr Church. Borough High St, London, SE1 1JA
- **Central Southwark Community Hub** - 020 7703 1653 / <https://www.cschub.co.uk/> - Four centres in the borough with locations and opening hours listed on its website. Clients need to be referred to Margaret Taribo (margaret.taribo@cschub.co.uk) before a visit is made.
- **Camberwell Community Fridge** – 020 7737 6186 / Albrighton Centre, Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
- **The Borough Free Fridge** – 02073577331 / St George The Martyr Church, Borough High Street, SE1 1JA, Open Tuesday afternoon, 2-5pm.

Ongoing communication with Bessemer

While our school office will be closed until further notice, we will be able to access phone messages from Parents / Carers. However, if you do need to contact the school, I would strongly suggest that you email office@bessemergrange.southwark.sch.uk as we will be able to reply more quickly to your message.

Bessemer Parents / Carers community network - Classlist

The *Bessemer Friends* (F@B) would like to remind Parents / Carers of the Classlist App. This is an online community where Bessemer families can communicate with each other about all things school related, share home-schooling ideas and support each other through this difficult time. You will need to download the app using one of the following links and then search **Bessemer Grange Primary School Parents**.

<https://classlist.com/>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.classlist.parent>

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/classlist/id1058636226>

Home learning

Please refer to the school website for details of resources, website links and tabs that you can use to support your child's / children's learning at home. We will be continuously



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updating the website throughout the school closure.

<http://bessemergrangeprimary.co.uk/resources-for-learning-at-home/>

- At Bessemer, we use the Maths Hub Scheme of Work to support the teaching of Maths. Click on the link to find maths lessons with videos for Parents / Carers to help in the teaching of their children and activities to complete:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

- Now>Press>Play is an immersive audio resource that engages primary school children in the curriculum through emotion, imagination and movement. You can now access the resources at home using the following details: <http://nowpressplay.co.uk/learn-at-home/> **Password = nowpressplay**

I would like to wish you and your family the best of health throughout this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Whitehead

Head of School

**Parent or
carer**



**You can text a
school nurse on**

07520 631 130

We can help with all kinds of things like.....

**EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING
KEEPING HEALTHY / BEDWETTING
SLEEP / BULLYING / KEEPING SAFE
GROWING UP / DENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT WITH MEDICAL
CONDITIONS IN SCHOOL**

Text us for confidential advice & support

We might inform someone if we are concerned about the safety of you, your child or someone else but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. If it is an emergency call 999 or go to the Emergency Department (A&E). Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



App coming soon