

Update relating to COVID-19

Dear Parents and Carers

Latest Government Information.

The Government announced that all schools in England will close at the end of the day on **Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice** and that every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. We are in uncharted territory and the landscape is changing significantly on a daily basis.

The Government has asked to seek to provide a safe and secure place during the day for **children of key workers and vulnerable children**. We have been working closely with all parents to ensure their child can stay safely at home to social distance to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

However, we are able to support specific pupils and prioritise support for key workers and our most vulnerable pupils. This has been done on a case by case basis. We ask that requests are only made where all other options have been considered. It is important to note that we are trying to keep this provision as low as possible **to prevent further spread of infection**.

For those pupils that are entitled to a Free School Meal, we have arranged for packed lunches to be collected from the COMMUNITY USE ENTRANCE (Pathways) in BCHS on Monday, Wednesday and Friday only between 12pm -12.30pm. This will start on MONDAY 23rd March. This is a temporary measure until the government has a national voucher system in place.

Keep in touch

We will share the email address of your child's class teacher. This means you will be able to keep in touch with the class teacher about your child's education, for example, to get work, ask questions about educational targets, share progress and keep us informed.

If you have safeguarding issues or concerns please email on:

Safeguarding@crosshill.blackburn.sch.uk

We will also be updating the website regularly so check in for any updates. The school website is: www.crosshillblackburn.co.uk

We have sent home already the homework packs and access code to Twinkl: www.twinkl.co.uk

Prepare and flourish

There are ideas on the home learning page and link to resources.

Attached is a list of other agencies who are offering support.

Many thank for all your support. We are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe.

Yours sincerely **Champion**

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Useful Local Help and Support

- BwD Children's Services – Social Care – 01254 666400 (8:30am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday) Out of hours – Emergency Duty Team: 01254 587547
- Martine Lewis - Team Manager, Children's Disability Service – 01254 666400
- Jeremy Wood Registered Manager at the Appletrees Hub – 01254 503773
- Support for unpaid family members or friends who support a loved one with an illness or disability BwD Carers Service – 01254 688440 <http://www.bwdcarers.org.uk>

Support for mental health

Samaritans – call free anytime – 116 123 www.samaritans.org

Mental Health Foundation - www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak

MIND – for better mental health

www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/

Coronavirus Support

If you are concerned that you have Coronavirus and are struggling to manage your symptoms contact 111 – phone 111 or www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19

For the latest information on the Coronavirus COVID 19
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19