



Blanford Mere Nursery and Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

As a staff team we have been working hard over the weekend to prepare for the children that will be coming to school on Monday.

Children attending will need to:

- Bring their **water bottle**, clearly named please
- Bring a **snack** for morning break
- Drop off /collect children at entrances requested in Friday's letter
- **Year 6** are the only children that can **walk home alone** - as long as we have **written permission**
- All other **children must be collected by an adult** – (someone 16 years +)
- Children in **Nursery** who are staying for lunch will need to bring a **packed lunch** as normal

Members of staff/SLT will be on the door each morning and at the end of the school day so that you can ask any questions as we go along and inform us of your working patterns. This can also be communicated via the main school office number 01384 818365.

Can I again please remind parents/carers that Government advice is that “**parents should keep their children at home, wherever possible** and that they have asked schools to remain open only for **those children who absolutely need to attend.**” I realise that this may mean making some changes to family life and working patterns but this is a time of crisis and we need to do all we can to protect our children, our staff and each other. This advice has been put in place in order to **maintain efforts to delay the spread of the virus**. Ultimately, the more children we have in school, the more staff we will need in school and the more people we will be having contact with. This does not support the Government's advice on **social distancing**.

Government advice suggests that the number of children booked into any school by “Key Worker” parents during this closure period should be no more than 20% of the pupil population. For Blanford Mere, this would be 54 children. This is still a large number of children for your child to be mixing with and will mean that I will need to a significant number of staff in school to care for them safely. We continue to have parents requesting places.

As you already know, **if you need us we will be here** for as long as we can provide safe care for your children. However, I urge you to revisit the guidance and in light of reading the guidance along with this letter please evaluate your own individual circumstances. We are providing places to enable parents to play their part in this emergency situation – please only use them on the days when you have no other safe option.



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We have to all work together and consider the needs of others as well as our own.

Latest guidance for schools:

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

These are ever changing times and are becoming more challenging by the day. We will do the best we can to respond to the needs of the Blanford Mere community but at the same time, we all need to do everything we can to keep ourselves, our families and our children safe.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N. Miller
Headteacher