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## School Closure

Dear Parents/Carers,

Before going into anything else can I start by saying thank you for the many supportive comments this morning.

This is clearly an unprecedented situation and is evolving by the hour. At present we have as much information as any of you and are awaiting more detail from the Local Authority and/or government. The staff have already been working through packs of work to send home with each class and will continue to create these today, ready to be sent home tomorrow. The education community has also pulled together a list of websites that are either free to use or ones that your children have logins for (we will send all of the logins home again with the children tomorrow).

Whilst we will be sending this work home, we of course have no idea how long we will be in this situation. There is no expectation that all of the work sent home is completed, this is for you to gauge with your individual circumstances. Some of the work sent will have answers for you to look at with the children, others will be open-ended activities. We have tried to put together a range of things so that you have the options available to you. The teachers will not be able to mark the work at the end of this process, the staff will be in school, continuing to work with the children of 'key workers\*' as directed by the DfE.

There is also the high probability that at times your children and the staff will be unwell for a period of time and will not be fit to work. At this point in time the health of everybody, both mental and physical, is of far more importance than anything else.

We have set up three emails which will be checked (when possible) between 8:40 and 16:00 Monday - Friday:

[kestrels@bury.school](mailto:kestrels@bury.school)

[sparrowhawks@bury.school](mailto:sparrowhawks@bury.school)

[buzzards@bury.school](mailto:buzzards@bury.school)

Please use these if you would like support with any of the work for your children and the teachers will respond as soon as they can. Please remember that they will still be in school working so do not expect an immediate response.

Of course you can always contact me directly via [head@bury.school](mailto:head@bury.school) where I will endeavour to get back to you the same day.

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To reiterate, the key thing in all of this is to remain safe and keep those in vulnerable groups safe. This will undoubtedly be a challenging time for everyone and it needs us all to work together to support each other. This is something we are all excellent at here at Bury, children, staff, parents and the local community. There will undoubtedly be times when we become frustrated with the situation, and we need to take a moment to step out and look at the bigger picture.

In this challenging time we will of course do all we can to provide a service for all children of key worker families, if you decide that sending your child/ren to school is what you need to keep you, them and the wider community safe at this time.

Please be aware that there is a significant strain on the staff here at Bury and their own family situations. If we reach a point that we cannot safely look after your children, we will have no choice but to fully close. We are liaising with local schools to see how we might be able to work together (if it is deemed safe to do so). Once we receive more information regarding key worker jobs, we will be in contact with you directly.

As I say, the key thing in all of this is trying to keep as many people safe as is possible. There will be more correspondence from us throughout today and tomorrow and please continue to respond as soon as possible to any request for information so that we can plan effectively.

Be kind. Keep safe. Keep in contact.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,  
Headteacher

\*At present we are awaiting clarification from the government as to who falls into this category and will update you as soon as we are informed. The list is due out later today where we hope it will confirm if it relates to one or both parents (in a two-parent household)