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Dear Parents and Carers of Bilingual Stream children,

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Following the government announcement to close schools on Friday 20th March, except for looking after the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children, we will be partially closing BWA for most pupils.

BWA will remain open to look after the children of key workers and those who are vulnerable. The government has just defined these groups and you have been asked to reply by 9am this morning. Thank you for your speedy reply to this.

Learning from home

When the Lycee closed earlier this week, we put temporary distance learning in place via Padlet, the platform all bilingual families can access for their child's French work. We are now providing systematic work for pupils to do during this period of closure. This work has been planned by the teaching staff across the Trust for each year group and we have arranged for the link you will need to access this work to be posted on Padlet, so that bilingual families have one main point of reference for their children's work. We hope that you find it helpful during the period of lockdown. I would ask for your understanding that staffing absence may mean we are unable to upload this to padlet at times. If this is the case, please click on the link below that will take you to the Home learning section of the Q1E website. <https://bellevillewix.org.uk/home-learning/>

We are providing the bilingual children with access to all the learning activities available to their mainstream peers. There is no expectation that the all the work set should be completed, even by our mainstream children, so please do not expect your children to complete more than half the activities as a maximum. However, we feel it would be very beneficial for the children to spend some of their time learning, using the activities set.

Each household will be in a different situation and will set up daily routines that work for you and your child (ren) – we really do appreciate that. Your child's BWA teachers may wish to send activities for pupils to do later during this period of isolation. If this is the case, you will be notified on Padlet, where possible. Children who were in school yesterday received an exercise book that they can use to record work completed at home. We ask that children who are already absent will have access to writing paper at home.

School Contact

Whilst we are unsure what staffing levels will be whilst we have a partial close, staff will remote in, when possible. None of us know what staffing levels will be, due to the nature of this virus. Our intention is to check the admin email daily, during term time. If your child is registered through BWA and there is something urgent, please do contact us. If your child is registered through the Lycee, please contact M. Bonnefoy, as per his message to you earlier this week.

Re-opening

We will contact you again once we know when we are likely to reopen. Please be assured that we will stay up to date on the latest guidance from the Government and Public Health England (PHE).

Like you, staff are feeling unsettled by these events. In our lifetime we have not experienced anything like it. We must support each other as best we can and look for the positives, such as enjoying this extra time with your children. Thank you for your support and such thoughtful words of encouragement.

I wish you and your families a safe experience through the next few weeks.

Kindest regards

Seana Henry



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