



# Belleville Wix Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the government announcement to close schools on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March except for looking after the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children, we will be partially closing BWA for most pupils. Mr Grove will be sending out a letter with information about the closure of the schools within the trust as well as how to take care during this time and how to access the work pupils are being asked to complete.

BWA will remain open to look after the children of key workers and those who are vulnerable. As I write, the government has not defined these groups so we are unclear what the provision expectations are. Once they have, we will write to you to establish how many children fall under this category, according to the criteria set by the government.

## **Learning from home**

As I shared before, we are providing work for pupils to do during this period of closure. This work has been planned by the teaching staff across the trust and we hope that you find it helpful during the period of lockdown. 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. There is no expectation that the work set should all be completed but we feel it would be very beneficial for the children to spend some of their time learning using the activities set. BWA teachers may wish to send activities for pupils to do later during this period of isolation. If this is the case, it will be sent to you via email or through the website. When we introduced Bug Club this year you were asked if you had access to a device that had internet access so the children could read the books set by the teacher and I trust this hasn't changed. Children who are in school today will receive an exercise book that they can use to record work completed at home.

## **School Contact**

Whilst we are unsure what staffing levels will be whilst we have a partial closure, 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 there is something urgent, please do contact us. Please could I kindly request that you refer to the letters already sent to ensure you have the information you need whilst the school is closed.

## **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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