



20 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: School closure – further information

Today has been a rather frantic and unusual day; I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all those parents and carers who have sent messages of support. I am aware that we have sent you a lot of information over the last few days but have just a few more important things to update you on, which I hope will prove useful.

Keyworkers and vulnerable children attending school from 23 March 2020

All parents/carers who submitted a request for a place today have been allocated provision for their children. These parents will receive a follow up letter shortly. A reminder to all parents of government guidance, "If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be." Schools have been asked to remain open, "only for those children who absolutely need to attend from these two categories".

Students working at home

As previously stated, all classwork will be set through our online learning platform, **Show My Homework**, for which all students have a login and password. If you have any issues accessing any of the online resources, please get in touch with our ICT technicians via: remotelearning@brockington.leics.sch.uk We appreciate that where IT equipment is shared, it may not be possible to submit work by 4pm each day, as initially stated. Where parents have informed the school that they cannot access Show My Homework or have other IT based issues, paper-based work has been supplied to the student today. In these circumstances, work should be completed and returned in person or posted back to the school. If you have any queries, please contact the school on 0116 2863722.

Students in receipt of free school meals who are not attending school

On Monday 23 March, we will provide a packed lunch for all students who are eligible to receive free school meals. Please collect packed lunches from the school reception between 11am and midday. On Tuesday 24 March, instead of a daily packed lunch, we will supply a hamper of basic food items to help parents and carers to prepare meals for the rest of the week, for children in receipt of free school meals. The hampers will be available to collect from the school reception from 11.30am on Tuesday 24 March or Wednesday 25 March. If you are unable to collect, please contact the school on 0116 2863722. Ongoing arrangements will be communicated, once we are able to confirm what the national strategy will be.

ParentPay

ParentPay have amended their guidance overnight. If you would like unspent school meal balances to be returned, please email finance@brockington.leics.sch.uk

Collection of medicines, inhalers and EpiPens

Students' medicines, inhalers and EpiPens, kept in the medical room, will be available for collection by parents, on Monday 23 March between 2pm and 3pm.

Statement from Andrews of Leicester Ltd

We are currently facing some difficult times and we are aware that customers are concerned about what will happen next with their school bus payments. We would like to request that parents allow us a little time for our staff to gather the answers we require from government officials to review our situation and decide as to whether our business will be able to continue given the current economic situation. Whatever the decision we would not expect customers to pay for a service that is no longer running and anticipate that customers will cancel their monthly payments to us for the foreseeable future or request a refund. When a decision has been made we will contact customers regarding their accounts with us. Thank you for using our bus services.

With all of the arrangements we are having to make at speed, there may be aspects we do not quite get right first time. As we all work together through this period we will aim to do our best, but please bear with us through these challenging times for all of us. I wish you all the very best and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Sadie Batstone
Principal



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