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Parent/Carer Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all continuing to remain safe and healthy during these uncertain times.

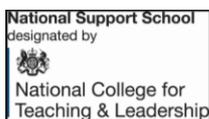
I write as part of my regular updates to you with regards to the ongoing situation. As many of you will now know, Bellfield Primary School is **closed**. We have moved our emergency care provision for the children of 'key workers' to Longhill Primary School until further notice. Therefore, please do not ring the school as there will be no staff there to answer your calls. If you need to raise any concerns or ask any questions, there are a few ways in which you can do so:

- (1) When the class teacher has their keep-in-touch contact with you on a weekly basis.
- (2) Use our SeeSaw app to message the class teacher.
- (3) Email your query to the following email address: Enquiries.Bellfield@hcat.org.uk
- (4) Ask your questions through our new Facebook page, which is monitored by our senior leaders.
- (5) Ring the central mobile number: 07712545729. Please be aware that this may be busy at times as this is the only contact number for the four schools based at Longhill Primary.

We have had some lovely feedback from our families regarding our regular contact with you and you have said how appreciative you are of this. This will continue for as long as is needed so that our children know we are still thinking of them and so that you know we are here should you need us.

If you are one of our key workers that are sending your child(ren) to our provision at Longhill, I have been asked make you aware that there will be two 'drop off' times. These will be 8:00am (for the breakfast provision) and 8:45am (for the start of the school day). Please do not send your child(ren) at other times as the school doors will be locked.

I have also had a few queries about the next set of learning packs and when they will be sent out. Our first learning packs were put together very quickly and there was enough work in them for ten days. I know we are now approaching the end of those ten days, but we **will not** be sending out learning packs to be completed over the Easter holidays as this a 'holiday period'. The next learning packs will be sent with five days of work at a time and will be available for collection (and delivery if your family are self-isolating) towards the end of the Easter holiday period – I will give an exact date nearer the time. I am aware that many of our children will have completed their activities earlier than anticipated. If this is the case, please check out the 'Home Learning' pages on our website, where you can find links to many resources and activities at the appropriate age.



Please don't feel pressured in to rushing the activities – make sure find time for family things such as baking, gardening and other practical activities.

Please continue, where possible, to communicate with class teachers through your SeeSaw app as teachers will be monitoring these daily.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like the school to provide a 'grab bag' for their lunch, please let us know by 10:00am on the day. Alternatively, if you know you would like them for every day in a week, you can simply let us know on the Monday morning.

I wish you all the best of health and encourage you to STAY INDOORS, PROTECT THE NHS and HELP SAVE LIVES.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Mills".

Mr S. Mills
Headteacher