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Dear Parents

As I am sure you are aware, the Government has instructed all schools to close from Monday 23 March. To minimise the impact of this unusual situation on the children's education, well-being and safety, we are putting the following measures in place.

Online Learning

During the school closure, relevant learning materials and links to suitable learning activities will be available online, on our school website: <https://bsfleeds.co.uk/children/> Please check your child's class page regularly, as these will be updated, and new content will be added remotely. Please encourage your child to continue using the online Spelling Shed, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars.

Free School Meals

Catering Leeds, who provide our school dinners, will be preparing a cold "Grab Bag" for all children who are entitled to free school meals. All schools have been allocated to a specific hub, which will produce the meals, daily. These will be delivered to our school, from where they can be collected. A text message with further details about how and when to collect these, will be sent to all families who are entitled to free school meals.

Free School Milk

All children under 5yrs old and those on free school meals are also entitled to free school milk. Our supplier will continue to deliver milk to school until instructed to do otherwise by the Government. A text message with further details about how and when to collect the milk, will be sent to all eligible families.

Church Events

All Masses, First Holy Communion and preparation sessions will now be postponed until further notice. However, both our parish churches will remain open for private prayer.

Important Information

All updates and important information will be published on the main page of our school website <https://bsf-leeds.co.uk/>. We will also be sending alerts and links via our text messaging service. Please ensure we have your correct mobile telephone number, so you are able to receive these.

Key Workers

Currently, we are awaiting further guidance regarding school attendance for children of key workers (eg: NHS staff, police and delivery drivers) and vulnerable children. We will keep you informed as soon as we receive this information.

Food Banks

The Government is keen to ensure that no child goes hungry as a result of these difficult circumstances and will be putting in place a national voucher system. However, until that is available, we are looking to provide you with information regarding local food banks.

School Money

If you receive any automated messages from the online School Money system – Eduspot, regarding any payments, during the school closure, please ignore them. Any money paid in for school trips that had to be cancelled, will be refunded when the school re-opens.

Emergency Contact

If you need to contact us in an emergency or regarding something very important, please use the "Contact" page of our school website <https://bsf-leeds.co.uk/contact/>. If you leave your email address, we can contact you in response.

During these strange and unprecedented times, I would like to reassure you that we are here for you, your family and the whole community, as much as possible.

Keep safe and well.

Best regards,



Mrs Snejberkova-Taylor
Acting Headteacher