



HARROWBARROW SCHOOL

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Continuous Education Provision at Harrowbarrow

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following my announcement this morning I now need to communicate the school's plans to continue you child's education.

Lesson provision

From Monday 23rd March teachers will post daily maths and English lessons on their class webpages. Where possible, we would like you to work alongside your child to complete these lessons; teachers will provide instruction to enable you to do this. There will be different levels of challenge for your child to work on. Please decide with your child which challenge they should tackle. You could try all of the challenge questions set. Answers will be provided to check work. In addition, there will be maths websites posted on the class webpage to support your child's understanding in maths.

If you have any queries or need to contact individual teachers regarding this work, please use the email address provided on the class webpage. Teachers will also set additional learning tasks linked to specific subjects or the class topic; these activities may be through online resources linked from our web pages. For those children without internet access, a pack for next week is being sent home tomorrow; parents need to notify the school office if they require packs after this and they will be left outside the office to collect. After next week we will review this plan and make changes as necessary prior to provision beyond the Easter break.

Meal provision for children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM)

We are awaiting an announcement by the government on issuing vouchers for pupils eligible for free school meals during term time; this does not apply to children in receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals. In the meantime, Mrs Moyle has ordered Tesco food vouchers for eligible children and she will contact those families directly.

Reduced provision for vulnerable pupils and children of key workers

The school will remain open from Monday 23rd March, until further notice, for eligible children.

These include:

- Children in receipt of an Education Health Care Plan
- Children who have a social worker assigned to them
- Children whose parents have been identified as key workers and require childcare cover to enable them to continue providing vital services.



We understand that some parents and carers of eligible children will make the decision to keep their children at home anyway, as they have alternative provision of their own planned. In order for the school to make plans for reduced provision we require all parents and carers of eligible pupils to contact the school office by 12pm tomorrow to indicate whether their child/ren will be attending school or not.

We had hoped to clarify what constitutes a 'key worker' but the Government has not yet provided information about how the term will be defined. We are expecting this announcement tomorrow. However, if you feel you may be eligible for this provision, we request you contact Mrs Moyle by email (secretary@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk), explaining your job role and the anticipated dates and times you would need this care during school hours. Further clarification will follow as we are updated.

The school will also provide childcare for the previously planned school closure day on Friday 27th March and over the Easter break to enable key workers to continue in their vital roles; this does not apply to weekends and bank holidays. Opening times will be from 8.50am until 3.10pm.

Keeping in touch

We will be keeping in touch with all our families during this period of school closure to check you are happy with the arrangements we have made regarding your children's educational provision. We will use our emailing system to do this and urge parents and carers to tell us if they are experiencing any difficulties. In addition, we may phone some of our more vulnerable families, just to check on their wellbeing. Whilst we are all vulnerable at this time, we have identified some families we consider to be more at risk e.g. children living with grandparents or those normally in receipt of agency support.

The care and wellbeing of all our families is of paramount importance to us and, to this end, I urge you all to stay safe and follow government guidelines. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> provides clear guidance to help you do this and how to get further information.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Hunt
Headteacher