

Chisenhale Chatter

Chisenhale Primary School Bow



Learning Together for a Better Future

17/04/20

Hello

I hope everyone is holding up and keeping spirits high. I'm very sorry to report that the Chisenhale School community is supporting a member of staff who has sadly lost her father due to this terrible virus. We are sending all of our love and best wishes to her and her family, and to all of the people around the world who are suffering.

As we are moving into a further phase of school closure, we will be amending our planning to further support you with learning at home. For the next week, you will be getting a brief Chatter asking you to trial the BBC Bitesize, to get into the White Rose Maths, and suggestions for a couple of other things to do.

We will be spending the week planning the next month in more detail, so that you have work for each week, which covers some of what we might have been doing had we been in school. As usual, these will come to you on Fridays and be year group specific.

We are not encouraging visits to the school to collect work as this really is against the STAY AT HOME message. And on that note, we have had more queries about children coming to school. I appreciate how difficult it is with children at home, but the guidance is clear that schools are to be open for as few children as possible, if we are trying to contain the spread of the virus. I thank you for supporting us with this.

DFE Guidance

We have asked parents to keep their children at home wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for children who are vulnerable and for those children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response who **absolutely need to attend**.

It is important to underline that schools, all childcare settings, colleges and other educational establishments, remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the **fewer** children in educational settings, will protect the NHS and save lives by reducing the risks of spreading the virus.

Schools, and all childcare providers, are therefore being asked to continue to provide care for a **limited number** of children - children who are vulnerable, and children whose parents are critical to the COVID-19 response and **cannot be safely cared for at home**.

Next week all families will be receiving a call from a member of school staff, just to catch up and say hello to the children. Some staff will not be in school, and will therefore be calling from a withheld number. They will leave a message and call back if you do not answer. They will ask to speak to the children on speakerphone so that the children know that they are being kept in mind. If you are having any difficulties and think we could help, please email Ruth at rcrossan.211@lgflmail.org

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend,

Sharon Taylor-Sezgin, Headteacher