

# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**“Children are at the centre of all we do”**

25th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

## Updated Coronavirus Response

I hope this letter will update you on our school's response to the situation we are now in.

The published government advice is:

- Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.
- Staff should not attend work unless absolutely essential.
- Schools should open for childcare only for those children who absolutely need to attend.
- Parents should ensure children are not mixing socially to continue to spread the virus.
- Children should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

### Essential childcare

**School has now closed, opening only for essential childcare on school days at times when parents need this during term times and during school holidays. There will be no cover on Bank Holidays.**

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response AND you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children can access childcare provision whilst you are at your place of work.

**To book this provision, please email [booking@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:booking@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk) by 5pm on the working day before provision is needed.** You will need to state your child's name, class and hours of cover needed.

**Please do not send your child unless you have had confirmation of this facility being open.** You may be directed to another school for this cover. Confirmation may be requested by the school offering childcare of shift patterns to provide this ongoing support.

**School staff continue to put their own health and the health of their families at risk by providing this cover - please do not abuse their generosity.** We are grateful for the work of the staff at our school and at other schools for continuing to provide for the children of the other critical workers of our country. It is an essential part of our national effort to combat this disease.

### School meals

School meals are **not** available at school. **All pupils attending should bring a packed meal with them.** For those children who qualify for free school meals the DfE will be announcing a voucher scheme in the coming days or weeks. This will be for pupils previously identified as living in low income families, not for all pupils who currently receive a universal free school meal.

### **School transport**

School transport is not currently available to/from Heslerton CE School. This will resume when normal school hours resume for all pupils.

### **Ongoing updates and activities for all families**

We aim to publish a fortnightly newsletter with ideas for each learner to investigate. These will be available online at <https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk>. Please click on the parents tab and scroll down to newsletters. Details of school reopening and scheduled events will be posted on here.

### **Support for all families**

If you have any queries about learning tasks or support we are able to offer, please email school at [admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk) and we will do our very best to support you.

Thank you for your continued messages of support, they are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming pupils, parents, governors and community members back to our school once guidance suggests it is safe to do so. We pray this time will be soon.

With best wishes.  
Rachel Wells  
Headteacher