



St Bartholomew's School
Emergency Provision Offer
April 2020

The Government closed schools from Monday 23rd March 2020 as a strategy for dealing with the Covid-19 Pandemic. They were initially closed for 3 weeks and this has been extended by an additional 3 weeks, currently taking us to Friday 8th May. However, this may be extended again by the Government and when schools do return, it is likely there will be measures in place to ensure continued safety. Therefore, when children do return to school, it may not be on the same structure or timetable as before.

During this time, our priority is to keep our school community safe and well. All families should be following the lock down guidance – do not leave the house unless it is absolutely essential. At no point should you be visiting other households, even if they are in your family. And, if you have symptoms of Coronavirus, you must self-isolate and so should the people living in your household. This means not leaving the house AT ALL, not even for shopping or exercise. For more information, please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

In School Provision

School is open for the **children of key workers, children with an EHCP, children with Social Workers** and any other **vulnerable children**. It is important to underline that school remains a safe place for children but the **fewer children** making the journey to school, and the **fewer children** in educational settings, the **lower the risk that the virus can spread** and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

If there is another adult member of the household who can safely care for your child, you cannot use the provision. Please only use this provision if and when you really need to.

Children with a social worker, an EHCP, or who are vulnerable, will be allocated days to attend. This is unlikely to be every day. Those who are children of key workers will attend only when their parents are working.

If you need your child to come to school because they fulfil one of the criteria above, please complete the parent survey at http://www.st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk/web/march_2020/467125 and email it to the school office admin@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk. Once your survey has been processed, a member of staff will be in touch. Children can ONLY attend if they are booked in – please do not turn up with them if they haven't been booked in.

The provision in school will be based in the hall – children will enter and exit through the green door. A register will be taken as normal. Please phone in absence as you normally would if your child has been booked and is then unable to come in.

The provision at school is mixed age and the children participate in a number of different activities – craft, music, fitness, games, reading, construction and many other activities. There are two members of school staff in with the children each day. There is also usually a member of the Senior Leadership Team on site (Ms Blood or Mrs Christie-Davies) and, on most days, there is a member of staff in the office. First Aid arrangements are in place and MOST staff are Emergency First Aid trained.

“Let your Light Shine” Matthew 5:16



A free school lunch will be available for all children and staff. They can bring a packed lunch if needed. Children do not need to wear school uniform but they do need to wear activity clothes with school shoes or trainers.

The Senior Leaders responsible for co-ordinating the provision in school are Katie Blood and Rachel-Christie Davies.

Home Learning

Each child should have a Home Learning Pack available to them that was either collected by parents or delivered by the school team. However, all work is available online so can be done without the Home Learning pack. Each class has a teacher who is setting their work and this is who you should contact if they have any concerns. They are:

Class	Teacher	Email
Bumblebees	Ms Hier	bronwenhier@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk
Puffins	Ms Hier	bronwenhier@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk
Koalas	Miss Banks	helenbanks@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk
	Mr Beggs	ianbeggs@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk
Red Pandas	Miss Banks	helenbanks@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk
Penguins	Mr Beggs	ianbeggs@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk
Pangolins	Ms Soar	lizsoar@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk
Jaguars	Miss Keeling	fionakeeling@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk

A suggested timetable has been shared online for all classes - http://www.st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk/web/classes_1 - but this **is just** a suggestion. Parents and Carers can adapt this however works best for them as a family. The day is timetabled into sessions to include activities such as reading, creative, learning, innovation and motivation. Each week, a new set of activities are uploaded. Children (with parental guidance) can then choose which activities they do.

Please remember that in school, children are **taught** about new concepts, these are **demonstrated** and they are given **intensive support** when they try something new. Teachers craft lessons that suit all the children in the class and allow children to build on their previous knowledge. Teachers dynamically adapt and change lessons, based on the response of the children in the class. Most children do not learn something new when working independently and this is truer, the younger they are. Therefore, children will need support with most of the activities they are set. However, it is suggested that 3 hours 1:1 time with an adult, is equivalent to a school day in a whole class.

When possible, it would be great if you could email photos of the children working or pictures of their work to their class teacher. Some of these will be shared on the school website and some may be shared in some of our videos which also appear on YouTube.



If you are a parent who is working from home, it may be better if your child does not try to do their school work when you are working. Trying to complete your work and teach your own child at the same time could be very difficult. Instead, create your own timetable that suits you as a family and when your child is trying to do their school work, please try to be there for them – we are aware that this won't always be possible. You could do 3 x 60 minute sessions of school work spread over the day. When **you** are working, make sure they have something they can do independently (unlikely to be school work), even if it is screen time.

We understand that for some families, completing these activities might not be possible at this time. If you have problems accessing the work online, do please let us know. We may be able to provide work packs or help with other solutions. If you are struggling to complete home learning with your child, please focus on sharing books, reading, numbers bonds and times tables, just to keep their brains working!

The most important thing you can do at the moment is to maintain your child's emotional and mental health during what may be a very difficult time for them. Remember, every child in the country is in the same position and we will support children to make up missed learning when they return to school. The most important thing, right now, is to keep well and safe.

The Senior Leaders responsible for co-ordinating the provision out of school are Fiona Keeling and Helen Banks.

Financial Support

The Government launched a Free School Meal voucher scheme that went live at the beginning of April. Parents who are in receipt of Income Based Free School Meals, will receive (by email) a £15 voucher, per child, per week that they can spend in a range of supermarkets. Because demand on the website is very high, it is taking some time for the vouchers to come through to parents. If you feel that you should be receiving a voucher and are not, please email Miss Charlton at the school office.

Please note that the vouchers are NOT for children who receive Universal Free School Meals. If you feel that you may **now** be eligible for Income Based Free School Meals please check here - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and then contact Miss Charlton by email.

We recognise that some families will be experiencing financial hardship at this time. Please do get in touch with Mrs Foster by email if this is the case – there are small things we can do to help.

Communication

We continue to use SchoolPing as the main method of communication. Please check this every day as, depending on your phone's settings, notifications don't always come through. If you do not have SchoolPing and you have let the school office know, we will contact you by email.

We will also send you information from other providers that we think you may find useful. Please do not feel you have to do any of these things but we know they may appeal to some children.

We will try our best to get the amount of communication right but there will probably be more SchoolPing messages than there normally are because it is the only way to share communication.



We are putting any significant communications on our website too - http://www.st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk/web/march_2020/467125 so it is always worth checking there first if you have any questions.

The school now has a YouTube channel -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWFsgMGWYx_Vz30wvcl0u0Q - but if you just search "St Bartholomew's CE Primary School" you should find it. There are messages from staff and other members of the School Community. You can subscribe to it and will be notified when any new content is uploaded.

Our team of Learning Mentors and Mrs Christie-Davies are ensuring that each family gets a phone call every week. I know, if possible, they would love to speak to the children too. If you have not yet had a phone call, please email Mrs Christie-Davies.

If there are families that we cannot make contact with either through phone call, email or SchoolPing, we may make a referral to Front Door for Families (Social Services). It's our priority to make sure our children are safe.

Please only call the school office in an emergency. Otherwise, please contact staff by email as below:

General Enquiries and Free School Meal Vouchers

Amy Charlton - admin@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Learning/Home Tasks Questions/Concerns

Fiona Keeling - fionakeeling@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Helen Banks - helenbanks@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Safeguarding, Welfare Concerns, In School Provision

Katie Blood - katieblood@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Rachel Christie-Davies – rachelchristiedavies@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Inclusion/Special Educational Needs concerns

Rachel Christie-Davies – rachelchristiedavies@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Financial Concerns

Sarah Foster - sarahfoster@st-bartholomews.brighton-hove.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you all as soon as it is safe to open our school again.