



### **Headteachers Update: 23.03.20**

Thank you all for your positive and supportive responses during this global crisis. Today we have had only 12 pupils in school. The message from government has clearly been heeded by you all and thank you for all helping everyone to stay safe during this period. Staff shortages are increasing within school as we all follow government guidance as well. Those staff who are well, but self-isolating will continue to work hard to support you and your children remotely.

Please do expect emails and texts from your teachers regularly and check out the school website – on the front page you will find plenty of things to do – both in English and in British Sign Language. These will grow over time and will change frequently.

So far, your child can enjoy:

- Challenge of the Week (creating a junk modelled animal or creature)
- Daily BSL Story (it is The Gingerbread Man today!)
- BSL Challenge (how many words within words can you find... all delivered in BSL)
- You will find the link of the front page of the website (Pupils)
- Also, we have placed all our online resources there for easy access. There is a wealth of learning opportunities there and teachers will be guiding much of this for you.

Many of these challenges will be interactive and so please do send in photos of your children's creations and hard work, which we can publish on our website. In that way, children can keep in touch with their friends. Parents can email teachers if you have lost the passwords or need any further support in using these websites.

From tomorrow, only a very small number of pupils (key workers and children with social workers) will be in school. This number may grow as pupils recover and are out of quarantine, but this will be very carefully managed. At this point in time, we have made plans for this week only. In the next couple of days I will release an update which will share what will happen next week, over the holidays and into the start of next term. It is a fast moving landscape and so please do 'watch this space'.

In the meantime, please do keep safe and please do look at parents and pupils resources on the website. Best wishes,

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