



# BEANFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Following the Government's announcement on Monday evening, we have worked tirelessly to ensure that we are able to offer high quality accessible Remote Learning for children who will be remaining at home, whilst ensuring we maximise our capacity to provide learning in our Special Provision for as many children as possible.

We are pleased that we have been able to offer places to the majority of families who requested it. We have also been able to ensure we keep in line with Government Guidance and offer places in school to vulnerable children (Children in care, children with an EHCP and children with a social worker) therefore continuing to ensure we provide the very highest levels of care and safeguarding. Those of you who have been allocated a place should have received communication confirming their place. Any queries about places should be sent to [sendunit@beanfieldprimary.org](mailto:sendunit@beanfieldprimary.org)

We have looked very carefully at maximum occupancy in classrooms in order to keep everyone safe. Consideration has been given to the numbers of classrooms in each year group we can open whilst ensuring we have enough staff available to deliver a high quality remote learning package to the 600 children at home, as well as maintain our safeguarding and welfare commitments. As a result, we have had to make some difficult decisions regarding the provision. You will all be aware of the alarming levels of infection across the country as well as the increasing number of deaths being reported. On that basis, I would like to reiterate that the places are for 'parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response' and that there is a national STAY AT HOME order which means you should only use the provision if you really need to. We know it is inconvenient but if a parent is working from home, or your role does not fulfil the 'critical to the covid response' criteria then the safest and best place for your child to be is at home with you.

The children in school will be working with the usual Specialist Provision teachers and support staff but in a reduced capacity. Can we remind those families whose children will be accessing the Special Provision that there will be a weekly review of your child's individual risk assessment and a call home with each amendment. We will be working in line with all regular and updated Government Guidance relating to Special Provisions so regular reviews will take place with regards to your child's place. Due to staffing at reduced capacity the whole Special Provision will be classed as one bubble.

If you have any specific queries about your child's learning at home, please email your queries to: [sendunit@beanfieldprimary.org](mailto:sendunit@beanfieldprimary.org)

Each week a Remote learning plan will be emailed to families on a Friday for the week ahead. Children within the Specialist Provision will have dedicated weekly doorstep visit, where work packs will be dropped off and previous work collected and an opportunity to check on your child's emotional

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wellbeing. On the first home visit a stationary pack will also be dropped off to support children with their work.

We know that some of you have already been accessing home learning this week and we are grateful for the positive feedback we have received. Please note, whilst there are documents sent for your child's learning to download, these documents do not need to be printed in order for children to complete their work. If you are unable to access the home learning package online, a paper copy will be placed with your pack that is dropped off each week.

Whilst we have set out learning for each day working alongside their curriculum stage and their EHC Plans, please do the best that you can in your own personal circumstances and feel free to supplement learning with other activities both on and off line. A little learning every day is better than no learning at all. You have already received information about our home learning offer and as we move through the period of lockdown, we will be working very hard to expand and enrich this.

For those children who remain at home during this lockdown, we are reviewing how we can compensate for their time out of school as well as continuing to support their learning against their EHC plans. Therefore, we are working to propose a respite package over Easter and the Summer holidays which is similar to what we provided in July/August 2020.

#### **Free School Meals**

We have issued vouchers for every family in receipt of free school meals. If you have any issues accessing the vouchers then please email our admin team.

#### **Mental Health Support**

We appreciate these are very challenging times. Our website has a range of support with links to useful websites to support mental health under our home learning tab.

#### **Food Bank**

If you require support with food during this time then please email [foodbank@beanfieldprimary.org](mailto:foodbank@beanfieldprimary.org)

#### **All other enquiries**

Finally, I would like to say we are here to support you. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or issues. For all other enquiries please contact [beanfield.admin@beanfieldprimary.org](mailto:beanfield.admin@beanfieldprimary.org)

We would like to thank you for your patience and support as we work to provide the very best quality and safest education, support and care for our school community.

Many thanks,

Charlie Smith  
Director of Special Provision & Primary Outreach