

## OSMOTHERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Dear Parents and carers

NYCC contacted schools last night with an outline of their planning and developments so far. Preparations are being made for clusters of schools to attend a host school, providing childcare for vulnerable children and the children of key workers. (Please see attached list of key workers). Key worker parents are expected to use this facility when they need it and to keep their children at home when they are not at work. Ideally, all children would be at home at this time but the provision has been put in place to enable essential work to continue. Please respect these arrangements and keep children at home whenever possible. Plans are in place for this arrangement to continue over the Easter holidays.

I have offered Osmotherley School as a host school but we may not be chosen as we cannot provide school lunches and we have a very small staff.

Osmotherley School staff will continue to work throughout this period, looking after the children of key workers and providing home learning tasks and activities for all the children, whether they are key worker children or children at home. NYCC are busy coordinating these arrangements so they have asked that all schools stay open for the children of key workers for the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Lunches will not be provided during this week so please provide a packed lunch for any children attending school. School will open as usual at 8.45am and will close at 3.30pm. For details about Breakfast and After-School Club, please contact Osmotherley Pre-school on 01609 883 138 or gillhunton@hotmail.com. We will run Minecraft Club until 4.30pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, after-school clubs on Tuesday and Friday (Simon Carson) will still be running all other after school clubs will be cancelled. We will update you with further information as we receive guidance from NYCC for the following week commencing 30.3.20.

All children will bring home a pack containing reading books, exercise books and some learning tasks. There will also be a list of useful websites and links for online learning. Learning tasks will be set in all subjects to cover the two weeks before the Easter holidays and this will continue again after Easter (and for as long as the closure lasts). Some learning tasks will be set in a block and some will be set on a daily basis, following our usual timetable. This will be communicated by email and also posted on a home learning page on the website.

I would ask parents to be extremely vigilant when their children are online and follow the attached guidance to keep them safe. If anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with me, either by email or phone within school hours. I would like to send my best wishes to all of our families. Take care, stay safe and I look forward to everything returning to normal as soon as possible allowing all children to return to school.

## Miss Bamber

Please follow the link below for information for Parents/Carers

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers







