

The Bank End and Hunningley Primary Partnership

Dear Parents/Carers,

Temporary Closure of Worsbrough Bank End and Hunningley Primary School

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that all schools in England will close temporarily for most children from end of the day on Friday 20th March. This decision has been taken on the advice of medical and scientific experts in order to manage the spread of COVID-19 and relieve pressure on the health system.

From Monday 23rd March, pupils' education will continue from home.

We have prepared well for these circumstances so that all pupils can continue their education from home during the closure. I am extremely grateful to staff across the academy for the way in which they have taken on this challenge. We will regularly update the website, Facebook and text you with information upon how to get new lesson material on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

We will, however, remain open for two specific groups of pupils-this provision will take place at **Hunningley Primary School** for **both** Hunningley and Bank End pupils in either group:

- Those whose parents are defined as key workers (employed in the NHS, emergency services or elements of the food supply chain); -if these families have enough childcare-they do not need to request a care facility at Hunningley.
- Those who are particularly vulnerable, Looked after children and children with a social worker and those with an Education Health Care Plan.

I would ask that parents who believe they fall into the category of key workers and will want their child to be supervised in school during this time to contact the school as soon as possible and no later than 10 am on Friday 20th March via n.thorpe@bankend.org so that we can arrange for your child to continue to attend school.

We will be identifying those pupils who are in the second category and will be contacting their parents and carers separately to confirm your child's attendance. If you believe your child falls into this latter category and you have not heard from us by 9am on Friday 20th March, please contact us on n.thorpe@bankend.org

The Government has also decided that no external exams will take place this academic year and SATS will therefore not be going ahead. Over the next few days we will be able to update you further and provide additional information on ways we will be able to support your child during this time. We will be finalising how we can ensure that pupils on Free School Meals will receive entitlement to food. We will be doing everything we can to deliver whatever is required of us by Government.

We will likewise be ensuring that Year 6 pupils' transition to secondary school will be handled appropriately and, in due course, I will update parents fully on this.

We are entering times of further uncertainty, speculation and concern and our responsibility as a school, like yours as a parent, is to give our children the learning, support and reassurance that they will need in the coming weeks. We will continue to update parents on a regular basis with important information as we receive it. We will continue to communicate with you by email but please do regularly check on the school's website and Facebook.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with us in the weeks ahead.

Mrs Nic Thorpe



Executive Headteacher