



# Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

## Dayspring Trust



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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you and your family are all well and keeping safe. It seems hard to believe that school has only been closed a couple of weeks. We wanted to update you with some key information and reminders, particularly for the easter vacation period.

As you will appreciate, most staff from school are working from home, just like the majority of the country. This means that there is only a skeleton staff working in the school building. This will naturally have an impact on front door services such as calling the school office, which you might find is even more busy than usual. If you are not able to get through to the school office, you can contact us using the e-form on the school website (found at <http://www.venerablebede.co.uk/contact-us/>), or alternatively email an individual member of staff. Please remember that email is not an instant means of communication and you may not receive a reply the same day.

Currently we are only open to those pupils whose parents/carers have demonstrated that their work is essential to the countrywide response to the COVID-19 situation, as well as pupils who are classed as Vulnerable. I would like to thank all parents / carers for their response to this. It has enabled school to provide a much needed service to these pupils and their families. Keeping all other pupils at home is ensuring our collective safety and is minimising the risk of spreading the coronavirus.

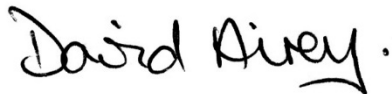
School will be **fully closed to all pupils and staff over the Bank Holiday weekend**. We will close at 3.00p.m. on Thursday 9 April and not reopen until Tuesday 14 April at 8.00a.m. During the Easter break, there will be no additional work set by teachers. On the whole, teaching staff will be taking a break as this is their designated holiday period too. Pupils should use this time to catch up on anything which they may not yet have completed. As this is a holiday, they could also step back from their daily routine and do something a little different.



We have created a “**Virtual Enrichment**” curriculum which compliments the class work teachers have set (<http://www.venerablebede.co.uk/virtual-enrichment/>). This enrichment curriculum is not compulsory, but gives you opportunities to learn new things beyond the school curriculum which we think might be of interest. Please do have a look at this, and if you think that there is another resource which we should include, share it with us. We have also launched a “**Wellbeing and Mindfulness**” resource to support pupils and their families wellbeing in these stressful times (<http://www.venerablebede.co.uk/wellness/>).

Thank you all for your support. It is appreciated.

Yours faithfully



**Headteacher**



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