

Welcome...

I hope that you are all looking after yourselves and your families. During the school closure I will be sending you regular blogs. The content of these will vary, according to what is happening and what is going through my mind. Like you, trying to juggle work and home learning for my own children may prove to be very challenging! I am determined to enjoy this difficult time as much as possible however by working and learning in a completely different way. Whilst writing this, I have my 2 year old daughter, Georgia, trying to force me into a game of Where's my Cupcake! If you have never played this game - I strongly recommend it! It's great for teaching the children the importance of sharing and good manners. Not great when you are trying to type though...

Home Learning

To view all home learning activities please visit www.beecroftacademy.co.uk/home_learning. Here you will find a range of learning tasks and resources for each year group, as well as links to websites. There will be resources for all subjects, with tasks that can be completed independently or with an adult. Learning tasks will be added to this page on a regular basis. If you have any questions regarding any of the tasks set or if you would like further guidance on how to support your child, please email office@beecroftacademy.co.uk. They will then be able to get in contact with your child's Class Teacher who will be able to support you accordingly. Your child will also have brought home an exercise book to complete any written tasks in, as well as their reading books. Please remember to listen to and read to your child on a daily basis.

You will have seen that lots of companies and famous people are offering resources and online lessons through social media, we will regular share our suggestions through our Twitter page [@BeecroftAcademy](https://twitter.com/BeecroftAcademy). I recommend that you use as many of these free resources as possible. I am sure that many more will be added over the coming weeks, which you will keep you updated on.

It is important that you stick to a routine where possible. I know that this may be tricky. I am going to have to attempt this with a 2 year old and an almost 6 year old myself! Creating a timetable with your child (ren) would be a really good idea, this way they can have ownership of it too. Make sure you plan in a range of different tasks, ensuring that they are not looking at a screen for a sustained period of time. Plan in opportunities for breaks and free time. Just think - at school the children are in lessons for 5 hours a day, so make sure they are not working for longer than this each day. There are some examples of timetables on the website but I strongly recommend making one with your child. In fact, it would be great to see some examples of these - email them to us or [Tweet us](#).

Competitions

We will be holding weekly competitions across the curriculum. Please see the 'competitions' tab on the 'Home Learning' section of our website. Please either [Tweet](#) or **email** photos of any entries to us, so that our teachers can judge. We will then share the results in our weekly newsletter and assembly. Please ask your children if they have any ideas for competitions too, so that we can tailor our work to meet their interests. Again, let us know their ideas by Tweeting or emailing.

Assembly

I will be attempting to send you all a video assembly on Friday morning. During this, I will announce any competition winners, as well as sharing 'Wows'. We will really miss seeing the children bringing their work to show us in school, however, in the meantime, please send photos via Twitter or email.

Newsletters

As well as writing regular blogs, I will continue to send a weekly newsletter to you all every Friday. This may look a bit different to normal and there will certainly be nothing to report on parking and road crossing!

Keeping in touch

Although we are not here in person, we are here for you whenever you need. The best way to contact us is via [Twitter \(@BeecroftAcademy\)](#) or email. I am well aware that I have referred to Twitter on numerous occasions already during this email, however if you don't follow us already, please do! Between us, we will be checking this on a very regular basis. Twitter will be used for posting information, photos and resource suggestions. Please do not use Twitter for any personal questions about your child though, this should always go through email. Please see the email addresses to use below;

office@beecroftacademy.co.uk- this should be used for all school work related questions and other general related school queries. This will be monitored during the school week and a member of the admin team will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Please be patient though, as we will be experiencing a high volume of emails, with this being our main form of communication. This address won't be monitored as often during the Easter break though. If you have a specific question for your child's class teacher, please give your child's name and class when emailing.

sendco@beecroftacademy.co.uk- this should be used for any SEN (special educational needs) enquiries. Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Saunders will be checking this and will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

wellbeing@beecroftacademy.co.uk- if you have any concerns, including safeguarding, please email Miss Clark and Mrs Saunders through this address. They will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Please do not call the school phone, as calls cannot be monitored.

Magicbooking

Sadly, we have already had to cancel a lot of recent and upcoming events. At this stage, we do not know what will happen regarding future events, such as the residential visits planned for May and June. We will update you on these in due course. Please see information below from Mrs Taylor, regarding trips, clubs and Buzz Bees bookings;

Trips and Clubs Bookings

It is hoped that at some point, all trips will go ahead as planned, although it is not known at this time when that will be. If you have made a payment for a trip and do not want a credit or refund, then your account will continue to show that you have paid for this activity until such a time when it can go ahead. If you have paid for a trip or activity and would like a cheque refund, please contact magicbooking@beecroftacademy.co.uk for this to be arranged.

Buzz Bees Bookings

You can cancel future Buzz Bees bookings by accessing your account and clicking on 'Go to booking' next to the booking reference of the booking you would like to cancel. Then click on 'Amend Dates' - the 'cancel dates' box will already be ticked. You can then click on the activity and sessions you would like to cancel which will generate a credit note onto your account. If you would like a cheque refund please contact magicbooking@beecroftacademy.co.uk and do not cancel the booking on your account.

Upcoming Instalments

Magicbooking will suspend all card instalments until next Wednesday. This will give you time to cancel bookings and where credit notes are generated, payment plans will automatically be updated before they resume the automated process. If you would prefer to cancel all upcoming instalments, Magicbooking can do this for you. Please get in touch with their helpdesk through the 'Contact Us' link from your home page.

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding your account, please get in contact at magicbooking@beecroftacademy.co.uk