

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I am really sorry if you feel bombarded with letters! The Bronte Headteachers and our CEO are video conferencing twice a day, to keep up to date with what is going on and to make plans to support our schools through this pandemic, so I am trying to share this with you as quickly as I possibly can!

Following on from the new government guidance, putting asthma sufferers at higher risk with Corona Virus, we will support any of our families who wish to keep their child(ren) who are asthma sufferers at home.

To support our families who will be in need over the next few weeks, we will be asking for non perishable donations for our very own foodbank. The purple bin to collect these items in will be outside of the main office from after school today.

Oakworth's 'Just in Case' folder is now on the school website, along with a list of websites the children can access during their time off. There is no requirement to do this, it is designed to help the children and yourselves have some sort of normality (!), routine and link to school whilst they are not here.

With growing numbers of children not in school, activities will shortly become less focused on the academics and more focused on projects, group work and team building. Please bear with us and understand the reasons behind this.

I would like to take the opportunity here to thank our INCREDIBLE staff team and of course our fabulous children. The sense of team spirit here at Oakworth (and in Bronte Academy Trust) is truly humbling. The staff are working hard as a team to keep life in school as normal as they possibly can. Those who aren't currently able to be with us are working to support us from home and everyone is taking the ever changing picture in their stride. **I could not be prouder of them all.**

On a personal note, thank you for your lovely messages and for looking out for us and each other, we are truly grateful.

Speak to you tomorrow!

Miss Vargassoff and The Bronte Academy Headteachers