

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Edu-care arrangements for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

I am writing to inform you of the planned arrangements that are to be put into place by the Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST) for Educare during the Easter holiday. **This will only be for children who are from Key Worker families and we would strongly urge you to use the service if it is your only option.**

From Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, our provision for children will continue to be based at Ashburton Primary School between the hours of 9am-3pm. The hub school will be accommodating pupils from both Ashburton and Buckfastleigh and children will be cared for by staff from both schools working in partnership.

This strategy enables the Trust to provide Educare from one central location for our key families, thus reducing pressures on maintaining the cleaning and staffing requirements within individual schools. Each school using the 'hub' will be providing staffing to support the children, ensuring that they continue to be cared for by known adults.

As stated in previous communications, we would strongly urge any parents who are currently using our Educare service who are able to work from home during either the whole or part of this period, to do so, in line with government guidelines. Schools are under extreme pressure at the moment to maintain our provision, through ever increasing staff absence through sickness and self-isolation.

Attached alongside this letter, is a booking sheet which needs to be returned to the school via [admin@buckfastleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@buckfastleigh.devon.sch.uk) by 9am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please use this to indicate which days you will require us to provide support on. Due to the complexities around providing lunches, all children should bring a packed lunch.

If you have any questions about Educare or wish to contact the school in any way, it is best to use one of the following communication methods:

- Ashburton Primary School – 01364 652343
- School Mobile – 07960144296
- Email – [admin@buckfastleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@buckfastleigh.devon.sch.uk)

I fully appreciate that this is a worrying and challenging time for everyone. We will continue to remain in close contact throughout the period and will always be here to help and support you and your children.

Yours sincerely,

Eddie Brown  
Head Teacher

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