

24th March 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and staff at BFS,

We are very grateful to parents and carers for continuing to keep your children at home and ensuring we can minimise the transmission of the virus.

We recognise that this can place some strain on families but we know that the fewer people we have in one place, the safer we all are.

We continue to provide supervision for the small number of children whose parents are critical to the COVID-19 response and have no other possible childcare for their children.

In light of the Prime Minister's statement on Monday evening, to increase further the safety of our community, we are operating with minimal staff.

As a result, at Bedford Free School, we are closing the kitchens and sending those staff home.

This means that there will be no catering on site at Bedford Free School from Wednesday 25th March, and we require parents of children who are in and staff who are in to bring their own packed lunch. This will allow us to send a number of additional colleagues home and further play our part in reducing transmission of the virus.

I realise this may place an additional burden on you, but I hope that you can see that we are trying to do everything possible to play our part in fighting this virus.

Thank you again for your efforts. We stand united.

Stay safe.

Stuart Lock CEO,

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