



# UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope you and your families have managed to have a lovely Easter and that the nice weather has helped to keep everyone's spirits up.

As you are all aware, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, schools, colleges and childcare providers will be closed to the majority of pupils until further notice.

Throughout our school closure, both myself and members of our Unsworth team, will continue to keep in regular contact with you, to update you on the latest developments, including those from the DFE and Ofqual.

### **Back to Learning:**

As the end of the Easter break approaches it is important that your child makes the distinction between "school time" and "free time". With this in mind, can you please ensure your child understands the need to return to their home-school routine on

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**, when their lessons will be waiting for them. Please e-mail [smhw@unsworth.shaw-education.org.uk](mailto:smhw@unsworth.shaw-education.org.uk) if you have any queries regarding on line learning.

As from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020, school will be open from 8am to 4pm for the children of key workers, as well as our identified learners whom we feel will benefit most from the routine of being in school. If you have not yet taken up your entitlement, are not self-isolating, and are finding it challenging to support your child and their learning from home, can I please urge you to send your child into school. Please contact us at [information@unsworth.shaw-education.org.uk](mailto:information@unsworth.shaw-education.org.uk) if you have any queries or questions regarding this offer.

**Keeping children safe:** Visit the NSPCC website for lots of information on keeping your child safe e.g. Online Safety, peer-on-peer abuse, parental advice etc.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/> Think U Know is a good source of online safety advice. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

**You and Your family's mental health:** The Mental Health Foundation and Place 2 Be have lots of good advice to help you in talking to your child about the situation <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak> <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus/talking-to-children> <https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2020/march/coronavirus-advice-for-families-staying-at-home/>

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## **Free School Meal Vouchers and School Foodbank**

If you haven't already done so, you will shortly receive information to enable you to access your FSM vouchers. We continue to run our foodbank on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30am to 11.30am for our families most in need of this additional support.

Kind regards and best wishes,

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