



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well. Under normal circumstances, our school would have finished today for the Easter break but instead I have the following information for you.

Easter Holiday provision for Children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable Children

The government is asking that schools remain open during the Easter holidays, including bank holidays, where possible, for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. To date, I have appreciated that parents/carers, including those in these specific categories, have followed government advice and kept their children at home, wherever possible - **every child that can be safely kept at home should be**. Consequently, we have had just single figures of children in school each day. This is vital in minimising the spread of Covid-19 and in protecting our children and staff - and should continue in this way - thank you.

If you are a critical worker or have a vulnerable child, **with no-one at home to care for your child** over this period, please contact the School Office to confirm:-

- a) That you do **NOT** require a place in school between 2nd and 17th April inclusive
- b) That you require a place on specific dates (please include them)
- c) That you are waiting for confirmation from your employer but are likely to request provision on some dates

I do appreciate that this is a very difficult time for everyone and that changes may occur to your work schedule and ability to provide care at home. In the event of any changes to your requirements, please email the School Office, as soon as you are able.

We would also ask that, throughout this period, you send confirmation by email to the School Office, to confirm that provision is required for the following day. Otherwise, school may be closed on some days, if no children are expected.



School Lunches

For those children being cared for in school during this period (2nd - 17th April), school meals will consist of a 'packed lunch' - there will be no hot meal service.

Free School Meals

After Easter, a National Voucher Scheme will enable those recipients of **benefits-related free school meals**, who are not in school, to receive a voucher for £15 per week per child which can be redeemed at supermarkets - Mrs Clarke will be contacting those who are eligible in due course. Please note that this does NOT apply to those receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals which are the free meals provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you require any further information or have any questions.

Do look after yourselves and have a happy Easter at home!

With my very best wishes

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