



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all remaining well. Under normal circumstances, our school would have been reopening on Monday for the Summer Term but, as you will be aware, schools are to remain closed for at least another three weeks.

Home Learning

Teachers and support staff have been very busy preparing Home Learning packs for the next three weeks. You will receive further information, via email, giving details of when to expect delivery. Our dedicated staff team will be delivering the packs to your door as part of their daily exercise and whilst adhering to social distancing measures! We really do appreciate your continued support with your children's education and wellbeing while they are not in school. Staff are all missing their pupils and are keen to provide the optimum balance of English, Maths and other work whilst also allowing time for you to enjoy daily exercise and other activities and interests of your own. Staff recognise the difficulties that you may be facing in trying to manage your own work commitments at the same time as trying to teach your children, support their mental wellbeing and maintain some degree of contact with extended families through the means of technology. Please do contact us next week, if you would like any advice or guidance or have a question.

Ongoing provision for Children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable Children

The government is asking that schools continue to remain open 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 during the three week period, Monday 20th April and Friday 8th May (Bank Holiday) 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 still 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.

Lunches in School

For those children being cared for in school during this period (20th April - 8th May), either a 'packed lunch' or a hot meal will be provided.

Free School Meals

A National Voucher Scheme is now in operation enabling those recipients of **benefits-related free school meals**, who are not attending school, to receive a voucher for £15 per week per child which can be redeemed at supermarkets. Mrs Clarke (School Office Manager) has already been in contact with relevant parents/carers; if you believe you are now eligible, please contact her. It is hoped that vouchers to cover the Easter holiday period will be delivered shortly. 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.

With my very best wishes

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