



15th April 2020

Good afternoon everyone.

I sincerely hope you were able to enjoy the lovely weather over the Easter Bank holiday weekend whilst ensuring social distancing maintained your safety.

The School Critical Worker child care has been maintained throughout the Easter holiday including the bank holidays. We have migrated the Trust child care operation to one of the Trust schools – John Clare during this time. I would like to acknowledge the our staff who combined with Sports coaches to ensure this provision was made available. It was lovely to see the confidence of the children from day 1 grow as they returned to the provision subsequently. I hope the Easter Eggs that were donated most kindly from Progress Health at Peterborough District Hospital and via Julie Cox – WPS Governor, were tasty and delicious.

I would like to draw your attention to some recent guidance we have received from Peterborough Local Authority regarding changing personal financial circumstances at this most challenging time. It may be that you now meet the criteria necessary to claim additional support. I have attached the letter and claim form for your reference. I hope this will be useful for you to consider.

For those families in receipt of Free School Meals - Edenred vouchers have been issued. From what the School Office can see via the system, they have been redeemed however beyond this we do not know if they have been successfully used. A further allocation is to be allocated tomorrow – Thursday 16th April for the following two weeks. We are keen to understand how the Government Voucher scheme is working and kindly ask for some feedback as to how this is working for you.

The current Government School Closure and lockdown remains in place. We are all anticipating the next update which will be provided tomorrow – Thursday 16th April. At the time of writing to you we continue to follow the Government guidelines and remain open on for Critical Worker childcare.

The Teachers continue to plan for Learning Away From School and the systems remain in place for you to access this. Very shortly we will know the next timeline we are working with and maintain a careful watch on changing guidance as it is issued. Naturally, there is some speculation on when the current guidance may change. As you would expect, School will follow the Government guidance and as soon as we know of any changes we will communicate this to you. However at this time I cannot provide any further update other than we are continuing as we have been for the time being.

I know we are all hopeful that some form of normality will return to our lives. We all have a responsibility to keep safe, protect the NHS and enable critical workers to keep the country going at this most difficult time. Please be reassured we will keep you informed whenever guidance changes.

You may already know that the BBC are launching a new service for families building on the successful Bitesize platform. From Monday the BBC launch: BBC Bitesize Daily which will provide additional interest and support for Learning Away From School. Please see the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> . In addition to the website BBC iPlayer and BBC Red Button will also broadcast special programmes.

In the meantime please do keep safe and well and please say a huge hello to the children from me!

Yours sincerely,

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