

The Compass Partnership of Schools

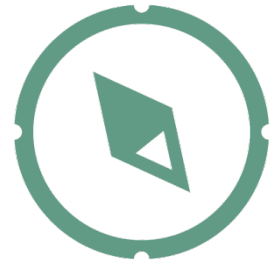
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Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you well as we reach the end of the first two weeks of schools being closed to most children. Our schools are just not the same without all the children in them and we have missed the vibrancy and energy that the whole community brings. We really hope it will not be too long before we are all together again.

We hope that you and your children have managed to access the online learning resources and have been able to keep to some sort of routine with these. I know how difficult this can be. These resources will be developed further after the Easter break and each school will communicate with you separately about this. There is no expectation that learning tasks will be completed in the Easter break and online communication forums will not operate for the two-week duration, but there will be some fun online activities for your children to do if they wish.

Schools will remain open during the Easter break and over the bank holidays for those children of key workers, those with an EHCP and those with a named social worker. Please let the school know in advance if you fall into one of these categories and therefore wish to access this provision so that staffing can be planned appropriately.

The government has now launched a voucher scheme for those families whose children are entitled to a free school meal. This scheme provides a £15 supermarket voucher per child per week. If you think that a change in your circumstances at home now makes your child eligible for a free school meal, please could you contact the school to see what you need to do next.

Please remember that we are here should any of you need to contact us for advice or support. Although, as a community, we can feel more isolated from each other at this time, we can collectively look forward to the near future when we are able to gather again. It is also important that children have the opportunity to explore how they are feeling at the moment and to know that we are all working together to manage this period of time as best we can, and that they have a very important part to play in this too.

Lastly, I would like to thank every member of our school teams who have worked extremely hard to provide a continuation of service whether this is in school or online. Thank you.

'There are no great people in this world, only great challenges which ordinary people rise to meet'

William Halsey

Please keep safe and well everyone.

My very best wishes to you all.

John Camp

Trust Leader