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Dear Parents

Daily Update

Can I firstly thank you for your support and kind words at this very difficult time. I thoroughly enjoy reading the messages and seeing the photographs of the children and what they have done at home. I think we have some future teachers amongst our parents. A High Five to all of you.

Free School Meal Update

I am being inundated with emails from parents saying that they have not had their free school meal vouchers. **This is out of our control.** We have done everything that we can; it is now in the hands of the Government. We have applied for around 110 vouchers from the list we have from the LA. We have had confirmation that all our children, who are entitled to vouchers, will be getting them. The latest update from the Department of Education is that they are taking at least 72 hours to be paid. The majority of ours were ordered by the end of the day on Monday with the remaining few (who we had difficulty contacting) on Tuesday.

This is a national issue not an issue with our school. As yet none of our parents have received them so please do not email me. Please check your junk email box to find out if they have been sent there. The email will come from Edenred.

Please also remember that this is an additional extra from the Government. You would not normally receive any free school meals over the holidays. If you are struggling for food please contact:

Making Connections by emailing: COVID-19communityhelp@walsall.gov.uk or by calling 0121 380 6690

If you haven't realised by now I am really fed up FSM Vouchers.

School Opening

There has been a lot of false news in the press about schools opening after Easter. **This will not happen.** It is our strong belief that schools will not open again before at least September.

Old Church will continue be open for the children of Key Workers. If you need a place in school please email me on coronaupdates@old-church.walsall.sch.uk . Some people have been telephoning but I need this in writing with proof that you are a key worker.

School will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday but open again for Key Workers on Tuesday 14th April.

Key Workers

I would like to thank all of our parents and friends who are the key workers. Thank you for keeping the country going at such a difficult time. The staff and Governors at Old Church really appreciate everything that you are doing.

Staff Updates

Just to let you know that staff are all keeping as healthy as they can. Thank goodness we have no reports of any major illnesses. They are working really hard at home, not only providing work for the children, but re writing the curriculum and planning for the classes. We are also doing online training activities. However, we would much rather all be back in school.

Contact over Easter

I am going to try and take a few days off to clean my house and tidy my very neglected garden over the Easter break so I will not be answering emails again until next Tuesday. The school office will also not be staffed until next Tuesday. Please continue to send lovely photographs and messages from your children as these make me smile.

Have as lovely an Easter as you can.

Kind Regards
Davina Clacy