

Thursday 16th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus Update – 16th April 2020

We have made it to the end of week 4 of our lockdown. Today the government have confirmed that the lockdown will continue for 'at least' another 3 weeks as the infection rate still isn't low enough for us to reopen safely. Removing any lockdown measures too quickly may bring on a second peak, meaning all our hard work and sacrifices would be wasted and that's something we certainly do not want to happen. It does mean that life at Grove House will not return to normal for **at least** another 3 weeks.

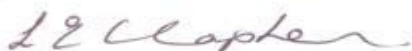
According to our school holiday calendar, it should be the Easter holiday this week, however for staff at school, it is business as usual which is why we have continued to update the school website Facebook with home learning tasks. We fully understand that some of you may have chosen to continue with the routine and keep this week as the 'Easter Break' but those activities are there for you to access as and when you need them.

In my last update, I confirmed that Free School Meal vouchers had finally arrived. Some families have received theirs and been able to use them without a problem whereas for others it has not been as straightforward. The system used for the vouchers has simply been unable to cope with the number of people accessing the website and despite heavy upgrading over the Easter weekend, this has remained an issue. We are contacting families who we know have not been able to redeem their voucher to offer additional support. If you are having problems and you have not heard from us by the end of tomorrow, please contact us using the number or one of the email addresses below. The second voucher payment is now due and I have been assured that things will now run more smoothly. A huge thank you to all those who have applied for Free School Meals – the funding this brings in to school will be a great support to us in the future.

Today was National Offer Day for children who are due to join our Reception classes in September and we have already begun contacting families to welcome them. We do have some space available in these classes so if you know someone who didn't get the school they wanted and is looking for an alternative, or is new to the area, please feel free to reach out and I will happily get in touch with them.

Please do continue to stay safe and look after each other. Let's keep everything crossed that we are moving through the peak and will be together again soon.

Yours sincerely



Miss L Clapham
Head of School

You might not be able to see us but we promise we are there.

We're here to help as much as we can because we really care.

If there is something we can help with, we'll do our very best.

Contact us on the address below and we will do the rest!

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