

31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Dear Families

### **CORONAVIRUS –UPDATE**

I hope you're all well, staying safe and looking after each other at home. I hope the home learning links and activities are keeping your brains busy so they don't go to mush! Mr Lewis has added some new weekly maths challenges to get you all thinking. The link to White Rose Maths has daily maths lessons to help you all maintain peak athleticism!

School has been very quiet thanks to everyone being cared for safely at home. We have been running a minimal staffing rota to take care of a very small number of children of critical workers. The teachers have all been busy at home working on assessments, planning, reports and making our curriculum even better than ever.

### **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

As you will know, school was due to close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April for our Easter holiday. In light of the current situation, school will remain open with skeleton staff for most of the holiday in order to provide essential care for children of critical workers. However, we will **not be open on the bank holidays – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Also, we will not be providing meals for the two week holiday period.**

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Up until now we have been able to provide packed lunches for those pupils entitled to benefits-related free school meals. This will continue until the end of this week. Today, the government have released further guidance regarding free school meals and the new national voucher scheme, and we will be moving to this scheme from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Via this scheme, families of pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals will be provided with supermarket vouchers during term-time weeks. To access this scheme it is essential that you have access to a working email address and the internet. **Therefore please contact us asap with your up-to-date email address or to let us know that this would be a problem for you.**

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals go to;

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals>

Thank you for your continued support.

Lisa Hoyle  
Headteacher

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Protect yourself and others**

### **Stay at home**

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home).
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.
- Do not meet others, even friends or family.
- You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.