



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

What glorious weather we have had for the start of the summer term, I hope you have all managed to find a bit of time to relax in the sunshine?

### **School work at home**

A massive well done to those children and parents who are persevering with learning at home. The class teachers are all aware that it's very challenging and are happy to help if you have a problem. We are all really missing the children, but have enjoyed seeing their posts on class dojo this week. We can see that many of our children have been working hard on the tasks the teachers have set. All children learn differently, so if your child doesn't want to do an activity, they do not need to feel pressured into doing so, our main priority is that they stay happy and healthy!

If possible, please could parents upload children's work or photos onto their portfolio, rather than messaging the teacher directly, so that children have a log of what they've been up to. The portfolios are secure and only school staff and yourselves can see them. Staff will not share your posts with the rest of the class without requesting your permission first. Some parents have been having trouble with Dojo this week, please do let us know if you're struggling and we will try our best to help.

The staff are being bombarded with all sorts of ideas for home learning (as I'm sure you are too) and have been holding zoom planning meetings to discuss a new topic for weeks 5 and 6. They are also aiming to make this a little more structured for you. The planning for this will be available on the curriculum planning page of our websites next Friday.

### **Free School Meals**

If you are in receipt of free school meals, you should have received your vouchers by now. Please let school administrators know if there are any problems.

If your circumstances have changed recently and you think you may be entitled to apply for free school meals have a look at the government website <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and this will tell you how to apply.

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### **Daily routine**

Some parents have contacted us as they are having trouble getting their child to follow any sort of daily routine. This is completely understandable given the current circumstances. Many of us at school are finding this tricky with our own children! If you are interested we have attached a guide produced by the Education Endowment Foundation, and there is a video to accompany it that you can discuss with your child which can be accessed here:

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/videos/EEF\\_Supporting\\_daily\\_routines\\_during\\_school\\_closures.mp4?mc\\_cid=c35fb6c0fd&mc\\_eid=299884307a](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/videos/EEF_Supporting_daily_routines_during_school_closures.mp4?mc_cid=c35fb6c0fd&mc_eid=299884307a)

### **Wellbeing**

Attached with this letter is a list of online contacts and resources that have been put together by the Dales Academies Trust mental health team. There are lots of really good resources for children to use. Please do take a look, this may also be of use for other members of your family.

Remember that if you are finding things tough, we are still here and will do our best to help you. We have now distributed quite a few food parcels from the food bank and have also supplied craft packs to families who have run out. The school admin email addresses are monitored daily and you can contact class teachers or myself directly on Class Dojo if you need help in anyway.

Stay safe everyone!

Yours sincerely

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