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Learning for Life!



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Thank you for your support!

Once again, as we approach the end of the half-term this week, I must continue to thank you all for your continued support and cooperation. 93% of children last week engaged with their home learning, which is a fantastic amount given the other tasks, stresses and pressures you are all trying to cope with alongside this additional job. It is great to see so many of the children still keeping up with their learning and keeping in touch with school as best as they can. To reiterate, if *anybody* has any problems with accessing technology, please get in touch with school and we will try to assist you. We still have some laptops, which we can lend to children and also may now be able to help with Wi-Fi connectivity issues too.

As I said in my last communication, we are awaiting further announcements and confirmation of return dates for all children, with March 8th *provisionally* cited as the earliest return date, however, this is not definite. Until we know more, school will continue to operate after half-term for the children of critical workers and those considered to be vulnerable. I understand that this is a testing and difficult time, and the uncertainty around not having a fixed return date yet, does not make it any easier. However, please bear with the situation if you can, numbers in school are already considerably higher than they were during the first lockdown, and guidance does state that parents and carers, who are critical workers, should keep your children at home *if you can*. Remote learning will continue to be provided until all children can return to school, safely.

Free School Meals Support During February Half-Term

In November, the government decided to allocate funding to local authorities through the Covid-19 Winter Grant Scheme to provide direct assistance to vulnerable households and families with children, which meant that the council would provide the food vouchers over the two-week Christmas period and for the forthcoming February half-term.

February Half-Term Food Vouchers

The council are using the Edenred voucher system again (**please note that this is different to the vouchers you have been receiving from school during the current lockdown**). Every FSM eligible child will receive a £20 voucher for the February half-term break. This is made up of £15 to cover food and £5 per child towards energy costs. All children who are currently eligible for FSM and registered for FSM up to **12th February** will be eligible to benefit from this scheme.

The council will be sending food voucher letters out directly to parents by first-class post. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher. The **February half-term** e-codes should be redeemed by using the following link: www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery

A link to an instructional video for redeeming these vouchers is also on our school website homepage.

If you are yet to download your vouchers from the October half-term or Christmas, you still can. If you do not want your vouchers, you can gift them back to school and we will distribute them to families who are in greater need.

After half-term, vouchers will return to the school's chosen provider, Wonde, which we have been using during this lockdown.

Half-term Break

School will close to *all* children for a one week half-term break after **Friday 12th February**, remote learning will also take a one week break. We will return on **Monday 22nd February**. I hope that you all have a wonderful week's rest.

Thank you for everything you are doing.

Best Wishes,
John Sitch
Headteacher