



Collingwood Primary School

week beginning Monday 30th March 2020

Dear Collingwood Family member,

What a strange 2 weeks it has been for all of us. A very small number of critical worker children continue to attend school but not all on a daily basis. Key staff, including cleaners, teaching staff and office staff have been on site every day and I would like to personally thank all staff and governors for their continued hard work in keeping this provision and the wider management of Collingwood, going during these challenging times. (I'll let you into a secret children...we have had to learn lots of new things too!)

I know that many of you already do but, if not, why not follow us on twitter @Collingwoodprim as I often send out messages which are not necessarily school related but could be helpful in directing you to useful information.

What is new this week

We hope that you found this week's new timetable on your child's class page useful. A new folder should also have appeared called "Story Time" which you might like to visit quite frequently as new things will keep appearing here.

Curriculum provision and Activities for pupils

Staff are mindful that next week and the week after would have been the Easter holidays and whilst we recognise that some of you may appreciate us offering the children something to relieve their boredom, we will not be putting up our normal timetable on Sunday. Instead there will be a range of fun and Easter related activities which pupils may or may not decide to attempt.

Parents Communicating with teachers

You will now have been texted your child's teacher's email address so that you are able to contact them directly. Staff have been delighted to have received so many positive emails from you, thank you. Staff will read emails between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday, during term time. Please bear in mind that they are still working hard either on or off site and are looking after their own families at the same time and may not be able to reply within 24 hours. **In an emergency you should still telephone school on 01245 322258 (during school hours) or phone 999.**

Pupils communicating with teachers

Staff are working hard on looking at ways in which pupils can communicate with and upload work for their teacher to mark and feedback on. Year 6 are already communicating with Mrs Macartney and Mr Russell's class are continuing to use their log ons to share work. We hope to roll out work sharing and feedback from staff with Years 3-6 after the Easter Holidays and will be telling children that they need to check with an adult before uploading anything but now might be a good time to talk to your own child about the rules in your home about when and what to upload.

Support with Food

Those of you who are registered as eligible for free school meals should have received emails from us regarding how the voucher scheme will work after the Easter holidays. Please note that this is for registered pupils, not all of Key Stage 1. Please contact admin@collingwood.essex.sch.uk if you have not received these. Details on how to access the local Foodbank are on our website www.collingwoodschool.net (click on the yellow writing top right on the home screen)

I will endeavour to send you a weekly newsletter each Friday, during term time.

Please stay inside, keep safe and we will see you on the other side.

Mrs Buckland-Garnett

New information from other sources

Sunday 5th April is Palm Sunday. There is a message from Rev Carol about how you can acknowledge this on our school website.

The Government guidance for parents on school closure has been updated and can be found here https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers?utm_source=e906c864-efbc-4515-b65964674f4b5d6a&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Government information for parents on keeping children safe online at home

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Government Info on helping your child deal with stress/mental wellbeing

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