



Collingwood Primary School

week beginning Monday 4th May 2020

Dear Collingwood Family member,

Critical worker children continue to attend school. Key staff, including myself, cleaners, some teaching staff and office staff continue to be on site, Mon-Fri 9am-3:30pm, if you need to call us on 01245 322258.

Please contact admin@collingwood.essex.sch.uk if you need information regarding Free School Meal shopping vouchers, the Foodbank or contact with our school nurse. There is new local information and support on our website www.collingwoodschool.net (click on the yellow writing top right, then use the tabs at the top of the page.)

What is new this week

We look forward to Sunday's announcement regarding the government's plans to ease lockdown amid much confusion over masks and how schools will reopen. Whatever the decision, I am not expecting school to operate "as normal" but know that our fantastic staff will work with you to do all they can to support pupils.

Free School Meals vouchers have been ordered for eligible families for the next three weeks. Please make sure that you use your vouchers as once the code has been redeemed, they are only valid for one month. If you think that you may be eligible for vouchers, please ring or email us.

Curriculum provision and Activities for pupils

A huge well done and thankyou to all who have used the new "Google Guides" and uploaded work for teachers to see. It is really important to share in the format described in these videos as all other documents will be deleted.

As always, please check regularly with your child that they know who and what they should/should not be communicating with on the internet. The link to the 2 Johns website is <https://www.esafetytraining.org/>

I Spy Learning...

Thank you to everyone who has been sharing all the fantastic things you have created for the I Spy Learning Challenges this week. We've seen lots of great family teamwork and some absolutely amazing achievements. It looks like lots of you have been having lots of fun. Just to tease you a little bit, next week's activities are going titled: I spy...The Circus! (T&Cs: No animals will be harmed as part of these activities.)

Communication between home and school

Staff have spoken to several of you this week via email, phonecall and sometimes in person. You are still all doing an amazing job in protecting yourselves and your children whilst trying to carry out home learning. Do not be too hard on yourself if it is difficult and remember that physical activity

and practical activities such as the 100 Challenge, nature watch, gardening, cooking and playing are all valid learning activities. Not all learning has to be completed sitting down and enjoyable things we all remember are usually not those involving the internet. Make the most of this time together if you can.

Support

Follow us on twitter @Collingwoodprim

If you are struggling at home as a family, this resource hub for parents might help

<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/covid-19-pandemic-resource-hub/>

If you are struggling with home learning, need help with a topic or subject, creating a routine, dealing with behaviour or managing the learning of several children this national parent helpline which is staffed by Ofsted inspectors and teachers ***StarLine is open six days a week and covers all areas of the curriculum across all phases of education. The number to call is 0330 313 9162 (calls charged at local rate).***

Government information on keeping children safe online at home

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

Compass 24/7 Domestic Abuse helpline - 0330 333 7 444 providing information, advice and guidance to anyone who has concerns about family, friends or themselves who may be victims of Domestic Abuse

Educational Psychology Service Parent Helpline (Essex) 01245 433293 Mondays and Wednesday 1pm - 5pm (during term time)

Stay well, enjoy the bank holiday and celebrate V.E. Day in some way if you can and hopefully, we will see you soon.

Mrs Buckland-Garnett