

BONNEVILLE



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Success for today, prepared for tomorrow

Friday 24th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you are all well.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in getting this communication out to you. It has been unavoidable; however, I do understand the anxiety that may have been caused due to the timing of this distribution for a number of reasons.

Virtual School

This week, we have launched our 'Virtual Schools Register'. You will not need to remember to complete it on a daily basis as the link will be sent out to all Reception – Year 6 parents/carers every morning from our Administrative Team.

The purpose of the register is purely for internal school based use. It will not only help us to identify any families that may need our support, but also keep us informed on what percentage of the school is actually using and accessing our resources.

It is also helpful for us to know, what proportion of our cohorts have been engaging with our resources, so we can best plan for our children's return.

Please note, we are having weekly meetings on how we can continue to develop our portal. At very short notice, we were able to have our Virtual School portal up and running. Due to this, you will continue to see it improve over time, through activities and interactivity.

During such unforeseen circumstances, we are working hard to maximise the quality of our children's learning experiences, whilst continuing to manage the vast range of needs and expectations within our community.

Virtual school is not designed to replicate the onsite school experience for children. Much of how it will work within your household is a matter for you to decide, as what is possible will vary from house to house and between different individuals.

As long as the children are doing the lessons, there is no requirement for children to be working on our school-based materials for a set period of time. It may take longer for some than others.

In due course, we will forward some example timetables to support you in establishing an appropriate routine and to help you to structure the resources provided. We will also refine our expectations for what we are providing for the children and begin to provide additional resources for the children.

In response to queries from some parents, we have now created a questions sheet within each year group folder in the Virtual School area. This form should be used for any questions regarding the resources that teachers have uploaded to the Virtual School. It will be monitored by teachers, who will respond to you using the form. Please be patient as teachers are not always online and there may be a delay in them getting back to you.

If you are accessing the Virtual School using a phone or a tablet, you will need to download Google Sheets (free download) in order to type directly into the form.

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If your question cannot be asked and answered using the form online, please email the school office. Your query will then be forwarded on to the correct teachers. Please note, emails should not be sent directly to individual teachers. All class emails that were set up as an interim measure will now be closed and teachers will no longer be using them as a means of communication. This is to ensure that we can maintain safeguarding policies and procedures and support in the management of interactions.

FSM Vouchers

Edenred is administering the vouchers. As publicised, the government have encountered many issues with the sheer capacity needed for the smooth running of this distribution. I can assure you that your information has been successfully uploaded – any delay rests with the functioning of the platform. On a daily basis, we are trying to make contact with Edenred for any updates that might support you. We are aware of the governments indication that vouchers will be backdated. Again, this is not a school issue; we have not received any information or guidance on this. We are not distributing the vouchers; all sums will come directly to you. In the meantime, they have asked that if you have not received your voucher, to check your junk folder.

Free Mental Health Support

The DFE guidance related to children's mental health can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Please also remember, Lambeth children have access to [Kooth](#) a free, online, confidential service for children aged 11 and above.

Spring Term Reports

Please note, the reports you received at the end of the Spring Term are **not** 'End of Year Reports'. If we had not gone into lockdown, we would have held our Parent Consultation meetings where we would have updated you on how your child is doing at this midpoint of the year. The expectation in March, if your child is working within the curriculum for their year group, is to be a 'WT' (Working Towards), with a view to them being 'ME' (Meeting Expectation) in July. If your child is on track to exceed expectation by the end of the year (July) and be a 'GD' (Greater Depth) then their assessment in March would be an 'ME' (Meeting Expectation). The sequencing of teaching and learning in March is with the view that the child/ren still have four more months of teaching and learning to go this year.

I appreciate your support, patience and understanding whilst we adapt to functioning in a manner that is new to us all.

Thank you to all of our staff for coping with such drastic changes without any transition period to do so.

Keep inside, keep safe and I will keep in touch.

Regards,



Ms. A. Parker
Lead Headteacher