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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all enjoying the good weather and taking the opportunity that the good weather has provided to get outside for plenty of walks and fresh air.

School is still open and providing emergency childcare but I'm hoping that the bank holiday weekend means that we can take a short break prior to next week and the beginning of the Summer Term.

### Free School Meals

I have emailed all families who are eligible for Free School Meals but I have yet to hear back from some of them. Given that the new system is email based, I cannot send these vouchers out without email contact. If you know that you are eligible, then please check your emails and your junk email in case my email to you has been marked as junk!

To those families that have responded – your vouchers were ordered on Monday but there is a significant backlog whilst the company cope with the demand. Please be patient and look out for an email from a company called EdenRed (in case it ends up in your junk email).

### Home-Learning

Over the course of the holiday I have been updating the [School Closure: Weblinks](#) page and also created a [School Closure: Virtual Trips](#) page.

Following a request from a parent, the school has also registered with the National Theatre and we are able to access their plays from home. I am not permitted to post the details on the school website and I must also ask that parents do not publish these on social media.

<https://www.dramaonlinelibrary.com>

Our access details are:

Username: 2Uv(0lo.

Password: 2Mg+5Wi&

Please ensure you are typing the credentials in rather than copying and pasting them as this can insert invisible spaces which invalidate the details. These should be entered under the 'access log in' and not the 'personal log in'. If you have any difficulties please test in another browser as some are known as having issues.

### Collective Worship

As we approach the Easter weekend, I know that some of you will still want to engage in some form of Collective Worship/Messy Church activities and Rev. Estella has been posting videos on the Bridge Benefice Group Facebook page – we are also sharing these on our Facebook page.



### Continuing School Closures

At the time of writing, there is planned to be a COBRA discussion today to review the lockdown process although no formal decision is expected to be made.

You may have seen it reported in the news earlier this week that ministers were considering reopening schools after the Easter break whilst also continuing to enforce social distancing. I'm not quite sure if anyone who suggests this has actually been into a school (or met children) but common sense has prevailed and this has been confirmed as untrue.

Barring any surprise announcements from National Government (not something I'm ruling out), I will write to you again next week with details of our home-learning offer.

Finally the NHS have requested that schools share the attached guide for parents on COVID-19.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

James Tibbles,  
Headteacher