



Chapelford Village Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 23rd April 2020

Hello Everybody.

Happy Summer Term. I do hope that you all managed to enjoy the Easter weekend and the lovely sunshine. It is hard to believe under the circumstances that we are now into the Summer Term 2020 - even with the Covid19 impact the school year does seem to have flown by. I think this is a sign that I am getting old. I was only thinking yesterday how tall you will be by the time we return to school - you always seem to grow very tall over the Easter break - it must be something to do with the consumption of chocolate eggs!



I do hope that this newsletter finds you all well, staying safe at home and looking after each other. As we come to the end of week 5 of our school closure I felt that it was important to get back in touch with you all again. Life at home is certainly different to being in school - Reggie, my Cockapoo has become my new assistant and sits with me every day while I work ... here he is having a well-earned rest in the garden after a day doing school work.

These are very strange times and I am sure we are all missing our normal lives and the little things such as being able to simply walk into a supermarket and even coming to school each day! One good thing is we are all in this together and all of us are missing something or somebody! This time will pass and like Captain Tom Moore, the amazing gentleman that has raised over 27 million pounds by walking in his garden said... "The sun will shine again and the clouds will go away!" When I am feeling a bit fed up I think of this amazing 100 year old man, his strength of character, his determination and positivity - and then I give myself a little shake and get a smile on my face!

Some Good News...

Great Sankey High School make PPE for Warrington Hospital

The design technology department at Great Sankey High school have been able to support Warrington Hospital in making vital PPE equipment with their 3D printers to support the doctors and nurses looking after patients. They have received a lovely note of thanks from the hospital and we are all very proud of their achievement in supporting our NHS staff - well done Great Sankey High!



A Splash of Colour for Chapelford Medical Centre

As a school we have been cheering up the new Chapelford medical centre with children making rainbows to show all the staff how much we appreciate their efforts at this time - they have really cheered up the staff and centre!

Learning at home and keeping in touch...

The school website continues to be regularly updated with high quality learning activities for everyone to complete. This now includes lessons from the BBC and more. Thank you to those parents that have sent us positive messages in relation to how useful you are finding the school website - this is really appreciated and we are pleased that it is being beneficial to you at this difficult time.

This week your class teachers have all started to call every family in school and hopefully you have enjoyed catching up with them - they have really enjoyed getting in touch with you! If you have not received a call yet - do not worry they all have 30 to complete so it may take a little time - it is coming! Remember if you have any queries or questions in relation to the online learning you can always drop your class teacher an email via the school website and they will get back in touch with you with some support. You can also send them some of your learning too as I know they will be delighted to see your efforts.

If any families require a paper learning pack please email chapelford_admin@omegamat.co.uk and a pack will be developed. This may take a few days to complete as staff are working remotely but we will get back in touch with you once your pack is ready for collection from school. Your patience is appreciated at this time

Pupil Premium

At this time many families will be seeing a change in their financial position. This may mean that you are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding and this will be supported at this time with a food voucher for school meals while the school is closed - please note this is not the same as the Universal Free School Meal that all Early Years and KS 1 children are entitled to when we are open as a school - this is a separate funding scheme.

What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium is extra funding for your child's education. It is provided by the government and is normally claimed as part of free school meals if you or your partner are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits.

Your child's school will receive £1300 per pupil for six years to support your child's education including help with the cost of school trips, teaching assistant staff and after school programs (see the school web site).

What are the qualifying benefits?

You will be entitled to apply for free school meals and/or pupil premium for your child if you or your partner receive one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (see [information on new eligibility criteria](#) below)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed part of State Pension Credit
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 C
- Child Tax Credit (providing you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by the Inland Revenue)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

New Eligibility Criteria - Universal credit

From 1st April 2018, the Department for Education made amendments to the eligibility criteria for free school meals to reflect the roll out of Universal Credit full service.

From this date onwards your child will only be eligible for free schools meals under Universal Credit if you and your partner have net earned income of less than £7,400 per year (assessed from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to be completed by March 2022.

However in the meantime, transitional protections will be implemented for those children who might otherwise lose free school meals following the update to the eligibility criteria.

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The transitional protections will be awarded as follows:

- Any child who is in receipt of free school meals BEFORE 1 April 2018, will continue to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out (until March 2022) regardless of any changes in you or your partners income
- Any child who gains eligibility for free school meals AFTER 1 April 2018 will continue to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out (until March 2022) regardless of any changes in you or your partners income

Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out any existing children who no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education, ie primary or secondary.

- Free school meals - Save your household up to £418 a year per child
- Pupil premium – Get £1300 for your child’s school to improve education

Applications for Universal Credit must be made online at www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit

Community information

Below is a selection of just a few community groups around the Warrington and Chapelford area and their contacts, should you know of any families that are struggling due to the current virus situation.

<https://www.mylifewarrington.co.uk/kb5/warrington/directory/directory.page?directorychannel=5>

Warrington food bank

Families do not need a voucher to access the foodbank at the moment. Contact them directly 07583080521 or 07925937659.

Torus Foundation Warrington/Nisa Dallam

Sign up to <http://dallamstores.com> there will be one drop off per household per day for essentials only.

Kings church Warrington

Are accepting food donations Wednesday 25th March 10.30-12.00 - contact King’s Church and they can deliver to Bewsey and Whitecross. www.kingschurchwarrington.co.uk

Neighbourhood Food Larder

<http://nflfoods.co.uk/> or 07961834480 – check on Facebook

Warrington Voluntary Action

Are accepting volunteers to coordinate a response across the borough. Can be contacted via WBC if self-isolating and need support.

As a first point of contact families can seek advice/support from:

My life Warrington

TURN2US

The money advice service

British Gas Trust

Citizens Advice Bureau

United Utilities

For support with water bills follow link <https://wwtonline.co.uk/tags/coronavirus>

Company	Service	Contact details
Deadeyes, Bridge Street	Burgers, hotdogs, street food. Free delivery within three miles. Choose from a selection of two course meals for £10.95. Thursday - Saturday 17:00 - 22:00	01925 573462 01925 400515
Heaths 26, Stockton Heath	Breakfast, sandwiches, wraps, omelettes, baked potatoes and salads.	01925 262626
Horseshoe Inn, Croft	Traditional Pub menu. Free delivery within four miles.	01925 764464
La Boheme, Lyymm	Special menu available on the website. Place orders over the telephone and then collect.	01925 753657
Mrs Massey's Munchies at The Imperial Hotel, Bewsey	Breakfasts, jacket potatoes, baguettes pies and pub food. Delivery available from 9:00 - 14:00	07730 467208
The Station House, Padgate	American-style and traditional pub food available between 12:00 - 20:00	www.stationhouse.online
Room Forty, mobile afternoon tea	Delivery in a box: sandwiches, cakes, vintage china, cutlery, table-cloths and bunting.	roomforty.co.uk
Trigger Pond, Great Sankey	Takeaway service with 20% discount, fish and chips, buttermilk chicken and a vegan menu.	01925 791165
Uncle Don's Fish and Chips, Grafton Street	Free delivery from 20/03/2020 available from 16:00 - 19:30	01925 659943
Salvation Army	They are able to support the elderly and vulnerable with shopping.	01925 451000
Delgardos, Honiton Way, Penketh	Pizza Delivery	01925 790000 mail@delgardospizzeria.co.uk
Traditions Sandwiches, Great Sankey	Takeaway breakfast/lunches. Providing fruit hampers, meat hampers and veg hampers for delivery.	01925 727236 or contact via their facebook page
Efes Brasseries, Sankey Street	Indian and Greek food for takeaway or delivery	01925 632987
George and Dragon, Glazebury	Pizzas, pasta, burgers and traditional pub food for collection or delivery.	01925 763296
Mr Lau's, Springfield Street	Dim Sum restaurant offering a delivery service including drinks. You can order ahead and book a delivery online.	mrlaus.com
The Stag, Walton	Traditional pub menu with collection or delivery service. There is a grocery store next door so they will also deliver basic groceries.	01925 261680
Cheshire Community Foundation	Charitable fund supporting charities that are meeting the needs of the community during the COVID-19 outbreak.	office@cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk grants@cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk 0
Creamline Dairies	Basic and fresh products delivered within 48 hours	www.creamline.co.uk
Warrington Independent Domestic Violence Advocates	Support with domestic violence	warrintonidvaservice@refuge.org.uk
Community and voluntary groups	Coordinating and organising those willing to volunteer	01925 246880 info@warringtonva.org.uk
Foodbank donations	Donations are being received for foodbanks at the following stores: Sainsbury's in Lyymm, Culcheth and Chapelford, Tesco Extra on Winwick Road, Morrisons in Stockton Heath, all 3 Asda stores, SPAR stores and Fearnhead Cross Community and Youth Centre.	
O'Brien's Hair & Beauty, Orford lane	Offering free blow dries to NHS Staff	
Alzheimer's Society	Offering telephone support: Dementia Connect Support line	0333 150 3456 www.alzheimers.org.uk
Helping Hands, Orford, Poplars and Hulme	Street Ambassadors scheme offering support to elderly neighbours in terms of care packages and pen pal messages from children.	Facebook.com/groups 2594923974167016
Help Warrington's NHS Heroes donations	Donate to Warrington Guardian's fundraising campaign to support NHS staff.	www.justgiving.com/fundraising/warrington-guardian
Café Caruso, Horsemarket Street	Delivery of Italian food, pay over the telephone	01925 416921

Care UK Charity

Have essential items available for front line workers and the vulnerable:

Hygiene packs

Nappies

Baby milk

Masks and gloves

Hand creams

Gas/Electric – contact supplier in the first instance

WBC – Local Support scheme – apply online

St Joseph's Family Centre

Operating, but at a reduced level and with our staff working from home. If you have a family in need of an emergency food parcel, please can you email us at contact@sjfc.org.uk, giving us the contact details of the family you are referring. We will contact them as quickly as we can to try and offer support. Please note that we have reducing stocks on many of our items and therefore may not be able to provide as much to families as we would normally be able to.

Warrington wellbeing service (the safe and well service)

If you have a family who can't get access to food due to being vulnerable etc. then you can send a referral into warringtonwellbeing@warrington.gov.uk or phone 44 33 22 with the below details: Parents name: Children/dob/ages: Phone number: Financial situation: And then someone will be in contact with the family as soon as they can.

There are also lots of different community groups I have seen on Facebook that are supporting local communities with food parcels:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/705386623618266/> All over

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/625718044932699/> Sankey/Penketh

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2594923974167016/> Orford/Longford

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/590898724839315/> support with wellbeing

School Emergency Contact numbers

In order to effectively manage the council's response to education and school needs within a timely manner, please ensure you send all enquiries, requests and notifications using the dedicated Education Services Email or Telephone number.

Education Services: 01925 442211 telephone lines will be staffed 9 to 5pm Monday to Friday. This number can be used by schools, parents and professionals alike, as a way to communicate with Education Services.

Education Services email: education@warrington.gov.uk will be checked regularly and is quick access to all service managers in WBC Education Services

Public Health England: Cheshire & Merseyside Health Protection Team 0344 225 0562 (option1) 3

Boroughs Public Health Infection Prevention and Control Tel: 01744 457314 or 01744 457312

MASH: 01925 444140 (also Contact Warrington main number 01925 443322)

Education Safeguarding Team: tel: 01925 442928 email: educationsafeguarding@warrington.gov.uk

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub - Tel: 01925 444140

Warrington council will deliver emergency care packages to the most vulnerable Call 01925 442441/442443 or email emrgplan@warrington.gov.uk

Funding

Funding is available to groups for helping to care for people in our older or vulnerable category. Warrington voluntary action Covid-19 funding to support Warrington groups and organisations Cheshire community foundation covid-19 response grants programme Cheshire community foundation (ccf) are now channelling ALL requests for funding in response to covid-19 through one grants programme – covid-19 response grants programme. Please don't worry if you have already applied under a different ccf programme, to respond to covid-19, your application will still be processed.

Types of activities that are being considered under the covid-19 response grants programmes include but are not limited to:

- Community response coordination to covid-19

- Additional volunteer's costs

- Additional costs of working remotely and adapting services for disadvantaged and vulnerable people in the wider community.

- Support for lonely and vulnerable people who are self-isolating

- Support in the wider community for foodbanks for families and vulnerable people and organisations working to combat child hunger.

Steve Morgan foundation

Have introduced an emergency fund to support charities and not for profit companies in Merseyside, North Wales and Cheshire West of M6.

CAF (Charities Aid Foundation)

Have introduced a covid-19 emergency fund, it is rapid response and grants of up to £10000 will help smaller charities to continue to deliver much needed services to communities. Payments are aimed to be made with-in 14days of application. High numbers of applicants are expected.

The National Lottery Community Fund

Funding available up to £10000

All decisions made over next 6 months up to £300m of national lottery funding will be devoted to addressing the current crisis. They will accelerate the cash part of this funding as much as they can in order to get the money to where it needs to be. To reach groups best placed to support the community they will prioritise the following faster payments for existing grant holders and applicants using the following criteria:

- Activities specifically geared to supporting communities through this crisis.

- Helping organisations overcome any liquidity issues caused by covid

To apply or for more info contact The National lottery awards for all (up to £10000) or the national lottery reaching communities (over £10000)

We are still here...

Like I said in the last newsletter ...

At this current time, we may not be seeing you each day but as a school we are still here for you all. We understand that despite the current situation life still continues and we are still left to face the pressures of everyday life - whatever they may be for each family. If you require any advice, support or a simple call back for a catch up please email chapelford_admin@omegamat.co.uk and we will make contact with you - just leave us your name, contact details and a convenient time to call you. These are challenging times and as a school we are trying our best to be as supportive as possible to the school community. So if you need us please drop us a line - we are all in this together!

I thought I would finish my newsletter with a social media post from a teacher in China, which was circulating before the Easter Holiday – it is worth a read and, even if you have seen it, it is worthy of a second read just to remind us that there is light at the end of the tunnel...

We are just finishing our 7th week of E-Learning, seven weeks of being mainly housebound and seven weeks of uncertainty. We are healthy, we are happy, and we are humbled.

We are allowed to move around freely now with a green QR code that we show when we get our temperature taken. You get your temperature taken everywhere, and it's just become part of the routine. Most restaurants and shopping centres are now open, and life is coming back to our city.

As we watch the rest of the world begin their time inside, here are some of my reflections on the last seven weeks:

Accept that you have no control over the situation. Let go of any thoughts of trying to plan too much for the next month or two. Things change so fast. Don't be angry and annoyed at the system. Anxiety goes down, and you make the best of the situation - whatever that might be for you. Accept that this is what it is and things will get easier.

2. Try not to listen to / read / watch too much media. It WILL drive you crazy. There is a thing as too much!

3. The sense of community I have felt during this time is incredible. I could choose who I wanted to spend my energy on - who I wanted to call, message and connect with and found the quality of my relationships has improved.

4. Appreciate this enforced downtime. When do you ever have time like this? I will miss it when we go back to the fast-paced speed of the 'real world'.

5. Time goes fast. I still haven't picked up the ukelele I planned to learn, and there are box set TV shows I haven't watched yet.

6. As a teacher, the relationships I have built with my students have only continued to grow. I have loved seeing how independent they are; filming themselves to respond to tasks while also learning essential life skills such as balance, risk-taking and problem solving, that even we as adults are still learning.

7. You learn to appreciate the little things; sunshine through the window, flowers blossoming and being able to enjoy a coffee in a cafe.

To those just beginning this journey, you will get through it. Listen to what you are told, follow the rules and look out for each other. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

On a final note ...as soon as we receive clear information in relation to the current lockdown and the reopening of schools please be assured we will communicate this directly with you as a priority. The newspapers and media are full of speculation - please be assured that you will receive the information from us as soon as we receive the official guidance. Until then let's all take one day at a time.

All the very best of wishes to you all.

Stay safe and well.

Mrs Hewson

Latest Government Guidance:

Guidance for parents and carers: keeping children safe online

We have updated our information for parents and carers to include a section on keeping children safe online. It provides links to online resources that will help support parents and carers in keeping their children safe online.

Full details can be found in section 6.3 of the guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings:

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

Updated guidance for schools about temporarily closing

We have updated our guidance on the temporary closure of schools to include more information on areas including social distancing, vulnerable children and working with other schools.

You can read the guidance at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures>

Handwashing advice

The most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and whenever you return home.

The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>