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COVID-19 partial school closure update

Dear Parents and Carers

Ambition for the wider re-opening of schools

This week marks the ninth week since most children last attended school. Since my last letter to you there has been much media coverage of the next phase of the Government's plan to release lockdown and we have been following it with keen interest here at Endeavour as its ambition is for a wider re-opening of schools to selected year groups from 8th June locally. Whilst I am keen to have our classrooms busy and thriving once more I am steadfast in the belief that this must be done in a way that holds the safety of children, staff, parents and the wider community at its core.

In the next couple of days, I will be writing to the parents of our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children to outline my plans for wider re-opening and asking you to indicate whether you will be sending your child back to school with us or not when the time comes. I will be providing some frequently asked questions and answers to support you in your decision making.

Home Learning

We have now been able to make our home learning offer further accessible to our children and families by also uploading it onto Purple Mash. Our monitoring has shown that most pupils are active on Purple Mash daily and so hopefully will find it easier to keep on track with their learning by accessing the weekly packs through this platform. The following link will show you/your child how to download the packs each week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMII-L1CV2Q>

All other usual routes for accessing home learning are also still available:

- via the 'Home Learning' tab on the school website (www.endeavouracademy.org.uk/home-learning);
- through the class 'teams' page *or*
- collection from the school office at your convenience

As the next couple of weeks would ordinarily have been our half term holiday, learning packs will take the form of activities similar to those provided over the Easter break. Thank-you for continuing to motivate and encourage your child to complete the work set each week.

School closure over the half term break

If your child has been attending school throughout closure as part of our commitment to supporting key workers, please be advised that school will be closed on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June meaning we are unable to accommodate any children on these dates.



Free School Meal Vouchers

Please be advised that the DfE centrally funded free school meal voucher scheme will not be operational over the half term break. This means that eligible families will **not receive vouchers for the week beginning 25th May or 1st June**. Vouchers will resume for eligible pupils from 8th June onwards.

If you are not currently part of the scheme but think this might apply to you, select 'free school meals' under the parent tab on the school website (www.endeavouracademy.org.uk/parents/free-school-meals) to check your eligibility. Once your eligibility is confirmed we can arrange for vouchers to be emailed to you weekly throughout the time school is closed.

Free first aid course

The home learning section of the website (www.endeavouracademy.org.uk/home-learning) continues to be regularly updated and one of the most recent additions is a free British Red Cross first aid course for children and some further menu ideas from Tameside's nutrition team.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Carol Rhodes
(Headteacher)