



Dear Parents/Guardians

7 April 2020

Easter Holidays

We hope all of our Boldmere families in our community are keeping safe and well. It is continuing to be a very challenging and strange time for us all. We have started the Easter holidays and we hope that you are able to enjoy them under the circumstances.

We hope you take this opportunity to allow children to have their holiday and take a break and relax the home learning as much as or as little as you like. It is a holiday after all and like most holidays there is no expectation from us to do ‘home learning’ but of course, this is your choice.

Happy Easter to everyone!

School website and Twitter

Our ‘home learning’ resources and twitter pages are continually being updated, so please do keep checking these after the Easter holidays. These areas of the school website will hopefully provide you with the appropriate materials as and when required.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Free School Meals vouchers for **term time** have been distributed by a company called ‘Edenred’ on behalf of school (Government funded). All those eligible have been contacted by school prior to the vouchers being distributed. An email will be sent to you from Edenred. Please check your ‘spam’ emails over the next few days. However, we have been advised that there has been a delay in Edenred sending out the vouchers.


Free School Meal vouchers for the **Easter holidays** are to be provided by Birmingham Authority, via a company called ‘Sodexo’. School will distribute these vouchers via **Parentmail**, to all those families eligible, as soon as they become available to us.

Online Safety

We are aware that during this time many children will be carrying out work online and may be using games and sites for leisure. To help you implement protective measures and help keep your children safe online we have some useful links listed below;

- Thinkyouknow - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- Internet matters - <https://www.internetmatters.org/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Parent info - <https://parentinfo.org/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- LGfL - <https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Net-aware - <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

Living History- Help your child create a primary source of their own history.

In our History lessons at school, we often refer to journals and diaries written by people who have lived during particular important events, for example Samuel Pepys during The Great Fire of London.

The current situation, including unprecedented school closures will form part of History for the future. We would love children and their families to keep their own journal to record what lockdown is like for them.

It may be a series of photographs with labels or sentences, documenting activities they have done, it may be a daily diary entry or a video journal. It could be an independent project or something that the whole family could get involved in. We have also linked a resource available on the website.

The journals created during this time will be something very precious to look back on and you never know, children may be referring back to it in their History lesson in years to come!

Bedtime stories read by your teachers every night (Monday to Friday)!

Parentmail links will be sent out each day, giving a code to access our private school YouTube channel. Log on each day to hear one of our teachers read a bedtime story!

Year 4 Residential Trip – Whitemoor Lakes – Spring 2021

As mentioned in our newsletter dated 17 March 2020, a letter was sent out to all our current Year 3 children regarding the residential trip in February 2021 (Year 4). If you would like your child to attend this trip, **please ensure you make your non-refundable deposit of £20 on ParentPay by Friday 24 April 2020.** Your consent slip may be handed into the school office at a later date. There is no need to return the consent slip under these current circumstances. If your child is eligible for pupil premium funding, you will have received a separate letter confirming this. Your confirmation of interest may be handed into the school office at a later date.

Our Place

In response to the current pandemic, Our Place Support have set up a **Covid-19 information service** to help individuals and families to the access support packages available from the Government and give information on **Benefit entitlements, Housing and Employment matters.**

We are aware that some individuals and families that have been affected either directly or indirectly by Covid-19 have not yet looked at the support available to them. We encourage anyone that anticipates they will need to access these support packages to do so now so that they don't find themselves in a situation with no income at all as a result of benefit applications/support schemes taking longer than usual to register for and be considered.



Covid-19 Information Service

Benefits • Employment • Housing

Monday to Friday 10am-12noon



07545 378 181
(To arrange a call back)



Covid19info@ourplacesupport.org



www.ourplacesupport.org/advice-service

Our Place Support



Youth Sports Trust

A message from Youth Sports Trust...

"We have been working alongside partners, including Complete PE, to create a range of free resources which are all available on our website. These are grouped into four key sections: PE Home Learning, Active Breaks, 60 Second Challenges and Active Learning and are for teachers, parents and carers alike. We hope that you find the activities and resources useful when planning activities for your young people"

https://www.youthsporttrust.org/free-home-learning-resources-0?utm_campaign=11448506_Non%20member%20primary%20newsletter%20-%20%20April&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Youth%20Sport%20Trust&dm_i=1ZLF,6TDQ2,R4YM4,RAMQF,1

Yours sincerely

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