



*Shining with God's love, pride and success*

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Dear Parents,

First of all, I want to say a HUGE thank you for supporting your children with their home learning. I understand that this can be a difficult task but the children really need to complete the work that is being set daily to the best standard that they possibly can in the home learning books that were provided. The teachers are here to help and have loved seeing all the exciting learning that is taking place. Please remember to upload your work so the teacher can comment and feedback on your learning.

If anyone needs any work printing or any resources to help with the learning, then please contact your child's teacher.

**Please could we request that all parents read the newsletter thoroughly as well as the messages on dojo if there is a query in order to check if the answer to the question is on there before needing to contact the teacher. Thank you in advance as this will free up staff time in order to concentrate on the learning.**

#### Technology

Thank you to the families who have worked with school to get your technology up to speed. We hope you enjoy using the computers.

If your child does not have access to a device, please contact Mr. Draper to arrange a loan for a fixed period. Devices must only be used by pupils for remote learning activities in line with our Acceptable Use Agreement. Mr. Draper did do the instructions last week.

#### New Starters

If you have or know any families that have a child that is ready to start school in September and would like a place at SMG, please remember the closing date is FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY. You must apply online at [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk)

#### P.E Bags

If your child's P.E Kit is still in school, please drop the office a message to arrange to collect.

#### Free School Meals

All parents of children who are eligible for free school meals i.e.: in receipt of benefits (not Universal Free School Meals for Reception - Year 2 children) will receive a food parcel whilst schools are closed.

The parcel is for 1 child for 5 days which will be delivered to school on Tuesday and available to collect from the school entrance between 12pm to 3pm.

**Please contact the office before Friday 15th 12pm if you wish to order yours.**

Whilst the Edenred system is not currently set up to support term time ordering of vouchers, this is something that the DfE are urgently working on. We are hoping over the next few weeks that we can continue to provide vouchers for those eligible pupils who will not be attending school during lockdown.

**All children in R/Y1/Y2 attending school will be provided with a school packed lunch if required**

**All KS2 children attending school will need to bring a packed lunch from home.**

Just a reminder that if you are in any doubt whether you may now be entitled to free school meals for your child, please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number.

You may be able to receive a weekly free school meal voucher for £15.00 (£60.00 per month per child/£120.00 per month for 2 children and £180.00 per month for 3 children). The vouchers are to be spent at your chosen supermarket. It is definitely worth trying to see if you are eligible. Qualifying benefits:

If you or your partner receive any of the following benefits you can apply for free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

**Toast/fruit will be given to all children in school free of charge**

#### Reminder

School starts at 9am so the gates will not be open until 8:45am. Please do not send your children before this time. The gates will re-open at 2:40pm to collect your child promptly at 2:45pm

Uniform must be washed daily to minimise the spreading of germs so your child may wear jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers for school as long as they wear a logo t-shirt, jumper or hoody.

The boxes are ready for any reading books that need changing.

Please get in touch if you need us and hopefully some of you will have received your phonecall from school this week.

Keep safe

Mrs Rich