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School Closure Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. We wanted to keep you up to date with regards to the school closure.

We are following Government advice very carefully at the minute and are currently planning another 3 weeks of our current closure plan. School remains open for the children of key workers and those who come under the various 'vulnerable' categories.

Free School Meals

Free school meals parcel delivery will commence again on Monday 20th April but these will only be for those families who are entitled under benefit related criteria. Previously all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 were entitled to a free school meal - this will resume as normal once school reopens fully.

Home Learning

We have listened to your concerns with regards to trying to homeschool more than 1 child at different ages. We have now created a weekly family project format through which all children can be working on the same activity but at different levels or with different outcomes. If your child is working at a lower level than that expected of their year group then simply choose the activity of the year group below. Most of this work can be completed in the exercise books provided.

Other daily and weekly expectations are listed on a separate sheet. Other ideas and activities will be dropped into your child's Google Classroom (KS2) or Class Dojo Rec/KS1). In here you will also find support material for some of the activities in the project ie. a writing format appropriate for your child's year group.

Whilst we appreciate that homeschooling is difficult and that you are not trained teachers, there is an expectation that children do complete work at home. Teachers will be in contact with any that they feel are not engaging to offer support.

If you need any support with regards to work please contact helpdesk@westminster.fcat.org.uk and your query will be directed to the right person. Teachers are working on a rota that includes time off due to school being open over the Easter holidays so your child's class teacher may not be available to answer your question.

Corona Kindness

Blackpool Council have set up 12 Corona Kindness hubs across the town that offer a range of support services including food parcels, shopping services, medication supplies, someone to talk to and dog walking for those unable to leave their homes To learn more and offer or ask for help please visit www.blackpool.gov.uk/coronakindness

We look forward to seeing you all back as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime stay safe, be kind to each other and please follow government advice issued.

The Westminster Team