



RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

12th JANUARY 2021



Dear Parents & Carers

A huge thank you to the many parents who have contacted me to wish the staff all the best and hoping we keep safe during this difficult period. These comments are greatly appreciated and remind us that parents understand the risk the staff at school are taking at this time.

Work online

The teachers have continued to post work online over these last couple of weeks to support pupils with their learning. I do understand that the government's expectation of providing work is very difficult for parents. We have provided technical support for parents and pupils to access these lessons but we do understand that in a busy household the expectations are high.



Please continue to do your best and complete as much of the work as possible whilst not making things too difficult for you or your child's mental well-being. If you are finding the amount of work too much, remember any work is better than none and don't be too hard on yourselves. This is a very difficult time and we all need to look after each other and do the best we can.

Remember, learning can happen in a wide variety of ways such as baking a cake or going on a nature walk alongside the formal lessons we are setting.



Reading books

This week we have had parents bringing their child's reading book to school at set times to change their books. If your child is in Year 2-6, please remember they need to quiz at home before bringing their books back.

Phone calls home

Last week all of the teachers tried to contact parents and pupils to check they could access the work and to support parents.



If you didn't receive a call but would like to talk to a teacher, please call the office to arrange a meeting. Over the next few weeks we will continue to call each week to check how things are going. Please let the teacher know if you would like more or less calls per week as this is meant to be supportive not an additional pressure.

Vouchers for FSM Pupils

Over the last week I have tried to organise food hampers for our children rather than vouchers but unfortunately, following the latest government advice we have decided to issue vouchers of £11.00 per week to all pupils on free school meals.

These vouchers will be backdated to **Tuesday 5th January** for 3 weeks. A second voucher for the next 3 weeks will be issued as soon as possible.

Finally

Over the next few weeks please keep safe, if you need any help or support, remember Helen Dyer is here to support parents, but take care of your own well-being as well as your children.

B Jones
Head Teacher (12.01.21)