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Dear Parents and Carers

Updates and Information during COVID-19 School Closure

Twitter

I hope everyone is keeping well and keeping safe in these very unusual times. I have absolutely loved seeing all the Twitter life over the last week, thank you so much for following, posting and sharing! It is important during these strange times that we have a sense of connection and community and this is a great way of doing that. If you have not signed up yet, why not give it a go? All the teachers have their own accounts and there is also a school one and Mrs Malbon one – find us! Staff are posting every day, encouraging the children (and parents), sending links and activities and keeping in touch; it's great!

Easter Holidays

The holidays are going to feel rather different this year as you are already at home. School will continue to be open for children whose parents are key workers or for children who have a social worker except for Friday 10th April and Monday 13th April. Remember, that the best advice is to stay home. However, if you feel you fit these criteria and need your child to attend school, please email office@viewleyhill.org.uk or ring the school on 01642 591053 and we will discuss this with you.

Free School Meals

We are continuing to provide packed lunches for children eligible for free school meals. These can be collected from the school reception between 12pm and 12:30pm daily. Most days we are making about 40 meals. If you are eligible and have not yet taken up the offer and would like to, please email office@viewleyhill.org.uk or ring the school on 01642 591053 and we can add you to the daily order.

As these are highly unusual times, we are also continuing to provide lunches to children eligible for free school meals during the Easter holidays. Therefore, you can still collect a lunch most days over the holiday period. There will be no meals available on Friday 10th April and Monday 13th April due to the Bank Holidays.

The Government have yet to roll out the national voucher scheme so in the meantime we are continuing with packed lunches. We will let you know when anything changes.

Home Learning

I know many of you are in a great routine of doing some school type activities throughout the day and mixing these up with good family time and exercise. Thank you for all you are doing. I just want to stress that the most important thing is for children to feel reassured rather than anxious. So, please do not worry if they can't do a particular activity or if they are struggling to focus. Home is not school (thank goodness you all say!) and it's more important that the children are happy and free from as much worry as possible.

Take care everyone, missing you all – a lot!

Mrs Malbon

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