



**Jessop Stockwell Federation**  
**Lead Headteacher: Ms A.Parker**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of week one, phew - we made it!

The celebratory round of applause extended to all NHS frontline workers, yesterday evening, was a wonderful way to extend our gratitude for their tremendous bravery, hard work and dedication. We are all incredibly grateful to all Key Workers for going that extra mile to support our local communities and country.

I write with a few more updates and reminders.

### **Free School Meals**

We have been informed that from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March there will be an immediate National approach to an e-voucher scheme. This will be a weekly e-voucher of £15 per child, enabling the purchase of food, in supermarkets, up to this value.

There will be an application process that the school will need to follow. Once this has been actioned, all families entitled to FSM will be informed.

In the meantime, should this not be ready in good time, we have begun the process of purchasing e-vouchers directly through supermarkets to the value of £10 per pupil for next week only. These will be issued to all families in receipt of FSM on Monday as a precautionary measure.

### **Current onsite meals preparation**

Going forward, we have decided to close the school kitchen whilst schools are closed for the vast majority of pupils. I can assure you, this decision has not been taken lightly, and this is mainly because:

- We want to minimise, as much as possible, the number of staff members on site to maximise social distancing;
- The e-vouchers being introduced by the government next week will give families direct access to funds for their shopping at supermarkets;
- Due to the significant reduction in the quantity of meals being requested by the school, the cost of meals has increased, creating an unnecessary financial burden on the school for an unknown length of time;
- A significant number of families are already providing their children with a packed lunch.

This will begin from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. However, we will have fruit, bread and fillings to provide snacks and ensure children have enough to eat.

### **Virtual School**

As we are fast approaching the weekend, it is important to ensure the children do not continue to use the Virtual School resources. To maintain the schedule, and give a sense of the end of the weekly timetable, try to engage in different weekend activities. This way, the children get a break and our virtual school learning does not become a burden.

Keep inside, keep safe and I will keep in touch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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