



6th January 2021

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your patience whilst we gear up towards another period of lockdown and partial school closure.

As you know, our school opened on Monday and fully expected that the information we were receiving from the Government and the Department of Education – that schools would be open to all children- was reliable information. All our preparation and planning was geared towards teaching your child face to face in the classroom where they belong.

The decision to close schools just one day into the new term destroyed all our carefully laid plans and meant that, instead of teaching your child this week, teachers have been rewriting timetables, schedules and plans, so that we have a good educational offer for your child going forward. I can assure you that this delay in provision was as frustrating for us as I'm sure it was for you.

Google Classroom

From Monday 11th January we intend to move the majority of our teaching online using Google Classroom. Once your child is logged on s/he will be able to access short instruction videos and messages from the teacher explaining the task in hand; access quizzes and lesson activities; share work and receive teacher feedback and support.

The work your child will be given each day will be very similar to the work the children attending school will be doing.

Internet Access and Technology

The good news is that Google Classroom can be accessed on all manner of devices including Playstations and Xboxes, laptops, Android Phones and tablets, so your child should have no difficulty finding a suitable device.

The school will be able to access a scheme that provides increased data allowances on mobile devices to support our children. If you do not have broadband access or enough data to support your child's learning we will be able to apply for a suitable data package to help your child's learning.

If you are concerned about the suitability of your technology or your broadband or data allowances, please contact me on my email and I will get back to you and help sort things out. Head.rimrosehope@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Free School Meal Vouchers

As it stands at the moment, I am afraid that the government have advised that they will not be continuing with the voucher scheme and they have asked that schools provide a meal pack from their own resources.

From Monday 11th January we will provide the recommended grocery pack to any family that requests one.

The grocery pack will consist of a loaf of bread, sandwich filling (Ham, tuna, chicken, cheese) fresh fruit and yoghurt.

The pack must be ordered on the Friday before, and must be collected from the school office on the Monday morning between 9:30 and 10:30.

Details:

Packs must be ordered each week

Orders must be placed each Friday before 3pm

Orders will not be taken by telephone/ text/ word of mouth.

Orders must be placed by email: rimroseschoolmeals@gmail.com

The sandwich filler is the only variable in the pack. Please state your preference when ordering.

Packs must be collected before 10:30 am each Monday.

Uncollected packs will be redistributed amongst our community

Children attending school during lockdown do not qualify.

If (as is highly likely) the Government changes its mind, and decides to issue vouchers, we will of course inform you of the change.

Please keep in touch with me over the next few weeks. I want to know how things are going with your children at home and I want to make sure that things run as smoothly as possible. You can email me at the above address or you can phone me at school if you want to discuss any issues or pass on any things that you are pleased with. I'm hoping that Google Classroom will make things easier for you to keep your child motivated, but if it's not working we will look for another way.

Keep looking on our website, Twitter and Facebook pages to stay up to date and please make sure that we have your up to date mobile number for our texting service.

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