

Head Teacher: Donna Walker

Date: 20th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Today marks the start of the Summer Term but I think for all of us, we recognise that it is still a challenging time for us all. The Link School continues to follow the Government and Public Health England announcement, regarding enforced school closures although we do continue to open provide support to our key working families and vulnerable children.

Over the Easter break, we have tried hard to make sure that you have been informed of any relevant updates and of the things that are important to us and to you.

Free School Meals

Free School Meal Vouchers children who are entitled to free school meals will be entitled to a free school meal provision. The Link School is using the Government's National Free School Meal voucher Edenred scheme to facilitate this.

If your child is single registered with the Link School, we will be arranging your evoucher. If we hold your e mail address this will be e mailed to you with instructions on how this can be redeemed. These e mails will come from noreply@edenred.co.uk. For week commencing the 20 April the email should have been received on 14 April 2020.

If we do not hold your e mail address or if you have made an alternative arrangement, we will be posting your evoucher to you. It is planned that this will be done by Friday 17 April 2020. If you have not received your voucher by Monday 20 April please call the school and let us know.

If your child is dual registered, your child's home school may be making those arrangements, if not the Link School will be ordering the vouchers. This will be explained to you during your contact calls with a member of Link School staff.

If your child attends the Beacon of Light, they are making those arrangements in conjunction with your child's home school.

Family Support and Well- Being

We hope that you and your family have all that you need to stay safe and well in the up and coming weeks. To continue to support our families, we will be still continuing our family welfare checks at least twice a week, this is the time we dedicate to you so we can keep you informed of any updates, check on how you and your children are and whether there is anything we can do to help.



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We are continuing to offer breakfast packs and food packs regularly and you can request one of these during the phone calls that you receive, and anything else that you feel you need our help with.

Nicole and Claire are also available as part of our 'mindfulness moments phone call sessions' where our children and young people take some time to talk, for someone else to listen. They are available on the following numbers: Nicole – 07887588997. Claire - 07500609717

Keeping in touch

Over the holidays, staff in school have been working hard to make sure that we can all keep up to date and keep in touch with other.

Please find us on Facebook and like our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Education/The-Link-School-Sunderland-106234544387747/>

Our Mindfulness Team have also been busy creating our mindfulness page on Instagram, which shares mindfulness and creative practice for the whole family.

<https://www.instagram.com/linkschool2020/?igshid=kzzev55mr3ql>

The parent/carers section of our school website has also been updated with lots of different links providing you with information, support and guidance in lots of different areas, as we all know things are hard at this current time.

Education Links and Work Packs

Prior to the Easter break, all of our learners have been provided with work packs and access to websites to support their learning, some of these can be found on our website too,

Our KS3 and KS4 learners have access to Century Online Learning and all log in information has been circulated. If you have any concerns or need to access more work for your child, please let our staff know when they ring you.

As a school, we will continue to support you and your families to ensure that you have all that you need in these challenging and unpredictable times, don't be afraid to ask – we are in this together.

Please continue to stay safe and well.

Donna



Head Teacher