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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your loved ones have been keeping well. I have been in regular contact with school staff and they are well, but miss being around the children. Firstly, I wanted to thank the key workers within our school and our families; they are working in difficult times and often without the correct protective equipment. I have spoken to parents who work at the hospital and things are very stressful and deeply tragic. The effects of this will live on in the minds of many for a long time and we, as part of Wexham Community, need to do what we can to support each other. The recent death of Councillor Shabnum Sadiq was very upsetting and our condolences go put to her family at this difficult time.

The School has remained open since the Lockdown for the children of key worker families, including over Easter and they are well looked after. I also wanted to let you know that we are monitoring our most vulnerable families closely and working daily with Social Care to ensure all are safe. The latest police figures report an increase in domestic violence; I urge you to stop and think about the detrimental effect of such behaviour. The thought of children witnessing this every day is troubling. If you need help, or support, please email the School on mail@wexhamprimary.com and we will respond.

In regards to the Free School Meal voucher scheme, I remain as frustrated as you at the utter fiasco. I have emailed, called and Tweeted the Department for Education, the Local Authority, EdenRed and the Government about this many times on a daily basis. The situation is a mess, with schools up and down the country being left without any information. The vouchers were finally released last week. If you have difficulty redeeming the codes, or supermarkets refuse to take the vouchers, you need to call EdenRed directly. There is nothing the school can do, as the vouchers are all stuck in a queue within the system. I will continue to try and push this, but feel completely helpless in the matter.

On Monday 20th April, the teachers will resume teaching through the TEAMS App. Children will be granted access again. Please monitor this, as Year 6 were banned for a week due to calls to teachers late into the night and for sending each other silly messages. Work will also be uploaded to the school website, alongside other useful links such as the BBC Bitesize website. Failing this, pupils can use the CGP/teaching packs that were sent home or delivered.

Many of you will be able to access the range of work available for the pupils, but for some families this is a challenge as you too are working and therefore may require the computer, or have more than one child who needs to use it. I am all too aware of how difficult it can be. Please just do what you can. Use this as an opportunity to do some reading together, learn times tables and number bonds, do some work and then do some art, cooking, physical activity or teach them about your history, your interests and ambitions.



This week the Government announced an extension of three weeks to the lockdown; prior to which they announced the removal of any national testing. Whilst this is a welcome relief, I know that many pupils will be worried about their return, or about next year. The senior team and I have been discussing the transition back to school and the work that needs to happen to ensure we catch up as soon as possible. This will not be easy and will continue well into next year and beyond. Please be assured that we have started to plan for this. In addition, we will be focusing on the transition for Reception to Year 1 and for our Year 6 children who will be moving to secondary school. I have been in contact with the Secondary School and today have a meeting to discuss transition further, to ensure there is a transition in place. Finally, last year we became a mental health training school. We will be working closely with our educational psychologist and our mental health first aiders to support the pupils as they return to school.

I wish you all the very best during this difficult time. Please stay safe and stay at home.

Kind Regards,

Miss N Mehat

