



Hanley St Luke's C of E Aided Primary School

Learning, Laughing, Loving at Family St Luke's

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Message from Mrs Williamson

Here is further guidance about our plans for next week

Will my child be eligible to come to school from next week because I think I am a key worker?

Please see earlier message which gives full details. Please be aware this will be under constant review as some companies are emailing their employees to state they are classed as key workers from sectors that are not immediately obvious. We will operate day by day on this and respond accordingly.

Will my child be classed as vulnerable so they can come to school?

School have already made contact with parents whose children may come under this category and discussed their individual arrangements.

Will you provide my child with a meal if they are eligible to come to school?

If your child is Eligible for a Free School meal, then they will be provided with a meal as usual although this may be a sandwich option if we cannot staff a cooking kitchen. Please note free meals for all Reception to Year 2 children is now suspended and only deprivation eligible Free School Meals will apply. Therefore if you need to pay for your child's meal, then you should do so on the online system as usual. If you want to bring sandwiches from home, then that is fine too.

What about those who are not eligible to come to school? Will children eligible for FSM be catered for?

Yes. The government is introducing a voucher scheme to purchase food from supermarkets and also an option to collect packed lunches from hubs around the city if preferred. The details of this will be sent to eligible parents when we have them. This may not be up and running from Monday and there is nothing that individual schools can do to speed the process. However, if you are struggling to feed your family then please contact us and we will try to help where possible.

How will my child access learning if they are not eligible to come to school?

Each day your child should access the home learning activities that your child's class teacher will set via Dojo each day. If for any reason you cannot access any of the digital activities, then we have provided some paper based activities and reading books. A separate list of digital activity websites will be sent as an attachment to this message.

Will the teacher be able to answer Dojo queries about my child's learning?

Each teacher will check in in each day via a Good Morning post to DOJO Class Story and will attempt to be available throughout the day up until 3:15 p.m. to respond to any learning queries. Of course, if they are also supporting children in school they will not always be on hand and we'll have to see how practical this is. Staff will try to answer any other queries in business hours to 5:00 p.m. but are not on 24 hour call and will only respond to out of hours queries at their own discretion. Staff have home lives too and need to rest as I am sure you appreciate.

What can I do if I am struggling to cope in this situation?

We will do our best to help where we can so please contact us with any concerns. If we can't help ourselves, we will try to put you in touch with support agencies that can.

Final thoughts:

Obviously, we are in brand new territory here, trying to offer in-school provision for key groups whilst at the same time trying to support home learning. We'll do our professional best on both fronts but there are clear limits to what we can achieve. Firstly, staff have different levels of experience utilising some of the home-learning technology available. This means that we cannot offer identical provision across classes but can ensure that all children will be guided to quality learning activities. I will also try to post daily messages and a roundup of the week on a Friday afternoon, if possible. None of us can be in two places at once and none of us can work if we become ill, so all of this depends on having enough available staff.

These are indeed tough times but we will get through it together if we all follow the advice and act as responsible citizens.