# LEIGH

*Primary School*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful (if slightly different) Easter break. It's been lovely to see what some of the children have been up to over the Easter holidays through Tapestry or their Google Classrooms and although life is very different for us all at the moment, I have been delighted to see how well so many of them are doing.

My sincerest thank you to all of you who are supporting us with your child's home learning through the Google Classrooms or on Tapestry for Squirrel Class. It's been wonderful to see the work the children have been up to during this week and the staff and I are extremely grateful to you for all your continued support with this. As a reminder, teachers are logging in each morning at 9.30am to set the work for the day and then checking on progress at 1.30pm. There is also work being posted by our Pupil Welfare Leader, Mrs Pearson, and Mr Thacker is also posting some PE lessons for the children to try at home. If your child has any questions regarding the work set, please do encourage them to be in contact with their class teacher via the Google Classroom. It is not our intention for children to be sitting in front of a computer screen all day and the work set will include online work, book based learning, reading and physical exercise. If you have any feedback about how these arrangements are working or would like further support, please do email your child's class teacher.

In addition, a member of staff will be phoning you next week on your home phone number to just check in and see how everything is going for you and your family. The member of staff will speak with you first to ensure you are happy for them to speak with your child and I would also ask that, where possible, the call is put on speakerphone so that you can continue to take part in the call. The call will be made by your child's class teacher or the teaching assistant working in their class and will only last a few minutes. We hope that this will give us an opportunity to see if there are any additional ways we can support you during this time and also for you to ask any questions you might have.

The Parish Council would like me to make you aware of a wonderful scheme they are operating throughout the village during this difficult time. They are delivering bread, free of charge, as well as other essential items that might be needed. They are also offering a shopping service, prescription collection or other errands which those self-isolating are unable to undertake. If you or someone you know would benefit from this service then their contact number is 07388 620150 and their email address is parishcouncil@leighkent.org.uk In addition you might also find it useful to have the details for Sevenoaks District Council and their number is 01732 227000 or email www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/requesthelp Councillor James Osborne-Jackson, the Sevenoaks District Council Member for Leigh, has also indicated that if families are experiencing difficulties they can contact him and he will advocate on their behalf with the Council. His phone number is 07592 472008.

We have been distributing Free School Meal vouchers for those that qualify for them through Edenred and this equates to £3 a day per pupil. Vouchers can only be distributed to those of you who have registered your child for Free School Meals. If you believe you might qualify and haven't yet registered then I would urge you to do this as soon as possible and the best way of doing this is online via this link:
https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals
We will continue to be in touch directly with those families who qualify for Free School Meals to distribute these vouchers.

Although this continues to be a very testing and difficult time for us all, I have been incredibly impressed with the way the whole school community has risen to the challenges laid before us. I am extremely grateful to you all for everything you have done to ensure this process has been as smooth as possible for the children and for all your support. This continues to be a very worrying time however and I would like to wish you and your families all the very best for the coming week.

Very best wishes,

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