



Richardson Dees Primary School

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Happy Easter

Dear parent / carer,

Apologies that there hasn't been any communication for a week but the truth is there has been nothing new to report and we have been contacting our families direct by phone. Please do keep checking the website daily though, just in case.

Free School Meal Vouchers

We are still working with families who are entitled to free school meals and have requested vouchers. We expect to have these ready from Monday 20th April but are trying hard in the meantime to see if we can bring that timescale forward.

Please note, these are only available to those families who qualify for free school meals under the government benefit system.

Home Learning Packs

From Monday 13th April, we will start delivering new home learning packs to your houses across the week. We will be leaving them on doorsteps wherever possible so keep an eye out for us. We will also text everyone in advance so that you have more of an idea of when we should arrive.

Just to reassure you that by the time these packs come to you, in their sealed envelopes, they will not have been handled for several days. We are using gloves to handle the packs from start to finish and observing strict hygiene practices.

We believe these packs are a much better option than just going online (although we do have a range of online resources on the website too) but they are there to support and provide structure - please **don't** allow them to cause any additional stress in the household. I am using our Nursery pack to work with my son for about 2 hours each day with lots of snack and TV breaks in between. Your situation will be unique to you so be kind to yourselves. We just want our children to have





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access to a range of educational resources so that they are ready to learn when they return.

Contact Us

This week teachers have phoned every house and hopefully have spoken to most of you. If you haven't spoken to anyone yet, we will be calling again in a few weeks time to speak to our pupils.

Please remember that if you have any queries or concerns, you can contact the school by phone or by email. You can also contact your class teacher directly through Class Dojo.

Thank You

It has been another positive week. Our staff have been truly wonderful and we are very proud to be keeping our school open for our key worker families including staying open across these Easter holidays and the bank holiday weekend.

I would like to say a particular heartfelt 'thank you' to our fantastic cleaning staff and to one in particular who is coming in to school over the bank holiday weekend to help keep our school open and our children safe.

There is another really lovely gentleman who works voluntarily to bring us our packed lunches each day. There are also those fantastic volunteers collecting packed lunches from school and delivering them to some of our families for us.

We know of those brave people putting themselves on the frontline each day in our hospitals and care homes, supermarkets and delivery services to name just some but there are so many other heroes in our community, many of whom might never be recognised, so to them we say thank you.

The lockdown seems as if it will continue for a while yet so remember to stay home and save lives. It's as simple as that. Our school community will be back together at some point in the future and I for one can't wait for that day.

Stay safe. #rdpsfamily

Mr W Myers, Headteacher

