



Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Hope you are all keeping well in these really difficult times. We continue to have only a very small number of eligible children in school and I know how hard you will have been working to support your own children. Remote Learning is very different during this lockdown and we know it can be very difficult for you however we are legally bound to ensure we are doing everything we can to continue to provide education at this time. Teaching staff continue to make sure work is appropriate and are available via Class DOJO if you need further support with activities. We have been sent expectations by the Local Authority and these are set out below:

Expectation of pupils:

- Be contactable during the school day
- Complete work to the deadline set by teachers to the best of their ability within the class timetable
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers or teaching assistants
- Alert teachers if they are unable to complete work

Expectation of carers:

- Make the school aware if their child is sick or otherwise can't complete work
- Seek help from the school if they need it
- Be respectful and timely when making any complaints or concerns known to staff
- Endeavour to complete work according to the class timetable
- Endeavour to submit completed work by the end of every school day
- Submit children's work according to the class timetable using agreed methods
- Send messages to teachers, adhering to the messaging protocol, should they have any queries
- Allow children to respond to any feedback, marking or improvement prompts, provided by the teacher

FSM Vouchers

During these challenging times the Government wants to ensure that pupils eligible for benefits related Free School Meals can continue to access support if they are not in school during term time.

From Monday 25th January 2021 school will no longer provide a packed lunch or weekly food box and will instead offer parents of the eligible children a £15 voucher to redeem at a supermarket of their choice.

The voucher will be sent via the email school has on record - please remember to check your spam/junk account for the voucher details.

The voucher will be sent from Edenred (the company used last year) and will contain a 12 digit number which parents will use to redeem the voucher. Please note that the supermarket vouchers cannot be used to purchase age restricted products such as alcohol and cigarettes.

For further information please refer to the parent/carers guide for help:

https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/DfE/DfE_FSM-voucgher-scheme_Parent-Carer-Userguide.pdf

If you need any further help please contact Mrs Emmerson at school.

Wellbeing

To support home school learning it is important that you try to engage in some pleasurable experiences with your children for example going on a walk, sharing a book and a cuddle on the settee or playing a board game (no cheating). Look after yourself as well as your children, we know you are doing your best.

Kind Regards
Pauline Northcott