



Dear Caldew Lea Parents

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last night, we have quite a lot of information to share with you and I also want to reassure you that although schools are officially closed we will continue to support you throughout this lockdown period in whatever ways you need us to. The school office will continue to be manned on a daily basis and we can be contacted by telephone (01228 526611) and by email: office@caldewlea.cumbria.sch.uk Your child/ren's teachers can be contacted at any time through Dojo and they will be available through the day to support you and your child/ren with your home learning queries and any other issues you may have.

Home Learning

Teachers across all year groups will deliver home learning on a daily basis to you online. For Early Years children and children in KS1 (Y1 & 2) most of their learning will be posted online via Dojo. If you have any difficulty in accessing work on Dojo please get in touch as soon as you can and we will find a solution or an alternative to enable your child to continue with their learning while at home. It is really important that younger children who are learning to write don't get out of the habit of using a pencil, so if you need us to supply any basic stationary materials please let us know and we will sort this out for you. KS2 children (Y3 to Y6) will be able to access 'live' lessons via Teams every day, including their daily English and Maths lessons. Children in KS2 should be able to access this independently (although children in Y3 may need a little more support) and **we would strongly urge you to ensure that children attend their online lessons**. Class teachers are on hand to support you with any tech issues. We are aware that not everybody has a tablet or a laptop at home they can access for live lessons and Cumbria Education Trust are working round the clock to try and secure more laptops for our schools. If you do not have a tablet or laptop please let your child's teacher know and we will do our best to sort this out quickly. Priority is given by age to the oldest KS2 children for the laptops we hope to have available. The children will be able to access a full curriculum and we would urge you to take this up so that they do not fall behind and are prepared for their return to school after February half term. It is particularly vital for children in Y6 to access their daily learning and they will be able to do this mostly independently. I know home learning can be a real headache for parents and we will do everything we can to help make the process less daunting for you.

Vulnerable Pupils and Critical/Key Worker Children Childcare

As we did in June/July 2020, we will be running an essential childcare provision for vulnerable children (including children with an EHCP) and the children of critical / key workers. We have already been in touch with the families on our current lists who we believe fall under the relevant categories, however if you believe your child falls into one of these categories and you need an *essential* childcare place, please get in touch with the school office. We would urge you to only use this provision if essential and only for the hours you are in work if you are a key worker. We do need to keep doing everything we can to limit the risk of transmission and keep your families and our staff safe, and this is more effectively achieved when numbers are manageable.

Free School Meals



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We are still awaiting some clarification from the government on how free school meals will be delivered and we will update you as soon as possible. We are hopeful that the government will authorise the use of vouchers for supermarkets again. If you are entitled to free school meals you should receive a voucher for Tuesday / Wednesday of this week sometime tomorrow for £6 per child, we hope this is how the system will continue hopefully on a weekly or monthly basis. **If any families are struggling to provide food for their children, The Holy Trinity Church on Wigton Rd is providing a foodbank. You can message them on Facebook or email them on: info@tp4c.co.uk . There is also a parish office number: 01228 538983. They are more than happy to help any of you if you are struggling.**

We will continue to keep in touch regularly throughout the next few weeks and will post regular updates on Facebook, Dojo and our website. We will get through this (again) together. We are a strong school community and I know we will support each other in 2021 just as we have done throughout the challenges of 2020.

Take care and stay safe.

All very best wishes,

Miss Weston