



## Welcome Back

Welcome back to a very different spring term. I hope you were all able to stay safe and well over the Christmas break. Like you, we are trying to cope with the challenges of the pandemic. Even though the school is open to only limited numbers of children, we will do our utmost to continue to support you through these difficult times. We will contact you each week to see if there is anything we can do to help. The government has said that we will need to work this way until after February half term.

## School places

We are following government guidelines on opening the school for identified children, particularly those whose parents are working as critical workers and have no other childcare available. Please only contact school for a place if it is absolutely necessary. We are limiting class sizes and have minimal staff in school, so school is now almost full. Moving forward, any children coming into school will be on a case by case basis.

## Phone calls

We are following government guidelines to reduce the number of staff in school. Most of our staff are working from home. We have asked them to phone you twice a week to see if there is anything we can do to help. Please be aware that when they phone it is likely to be a withheld number. If you have not been able to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office so we can arrange a more suitable time.



## Laptops

We only have a limited numbers of laptops and dongles that we are loaning to families who need them to access home learning. As we have limited numbers, we can only loan them to families who are really struggling and have no other way of accessing eSchools. eSchools can also be accessed on devices such as games consoles and smart TVs as well as laptops and tablets.



## Free School Meal Vouchers

From Monday 18th January we will be providing vouchers for children entitled to free school meals. These are only for FSM children who are not in school. Hampers will no longer be provided. If you are entitled to FSM vouchers, you will receive an email / text from school. Please note that the vouchers will be emailed directly from Edenred and not the school.



## Well-being

We understand that this is a difficult time for our children and families. If you need any support, or you are worried about your child or a family member's emotional wellbeing, mental health or behaviour, please make contact with school via email on [pastoralsupport@fieldviewprimary.org.uk](mailto:pastoralsupport@fieldviewprimary.org.uk)

## Communications

If you have changed your contact number, address or email recently, please inform the school office with the new information via telephone or email.

## eSchools



Thank you to all the parents who have supported their children by logging into eSchools. Yesterday nearly half the children logged on! We know this is all new and a challenge for everyone. If you are struggling with eSchools please tell the member of staff when they phone you and we will follow it up.

If you would like your child's work marked, you will need to upload it. The staff member who phones you will be able to talk you through how to upload work.

We have added a new feature to eSchools where you can translate the page into any language. This will allow you to read instructions and messages from staff in your language. The resources will still be in English.