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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

I hope that you are all safe and well and are managing all the difficulties of this current time.

We are very aware that having children at home, juggling work needs whilst trying to supervise remote learning are very significant challenges. Children also may be feeling the strain of these times too when they're not able to follow routines, see their friends and have other worries too.

I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to families who are currently sending children into school when childcare is available at home: if you are able to keep your child at home then the Government states that this is what you should do - please do consider the safety of the wider community.

Again - thanks to all of you who are continuing to support remote learning for children at home and who are keeping our numbers to a minimum to keep us all safe. Well done- we know it's a challenge!

Liz Latham

As a school we are following Government guidelines to stay safe. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Remote Learning:

Remote learning is continuing well for the majority of pupils. Lots of 'live lessons' are being attended in the higher years and we've had thousands of 'hits' on our recorded lessons/on Flipgrid.

Staff will be contacting you by phone to 'check-in'. Please do ensure your child is taking part in remote learning or completing the paper packs available from the office. We will be following up with families if we're unable to make phone contact and if children have not been engaging in remote learning in order to make sure that you have all the support we can offer.

Staff Testing starting next week

You may have heard that from next week, Primary School staff will be taking part in the LFT programme (lateral flow testing). This is a Government programme to try to break the transmission chain by identifying asymptomatic cases. Please be aware that this might mean that we have to close bubbles at very short notice in response to a positive LFT in school. As always, we will do our best to keep you informed.

Eco Opportunities!

We are very proud of our commitment to all things Eco and continue to plan exciting developments for when school re-opens to all pupils soon (we hope!). In the meantime, please see the link and attachment below for some great activities for children to do at home.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_8cEVI1acY&list=PL4GUn_lk3tjbKeHMmppShG0SgA2s4zRXT

Free School Meals

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals then you will be shortly receiving vouchers via Edenred which need to be downloaded to use in a local store.

If your child is attending school then vouchers will not be issued as they will receive a lunch in school each day.

Energy



#EcoSchoolsAtHome

What's a watt?

With most people (young and old) now working from home, more energy will be used.

Investigate your energy bills!

Nursery

Look around your home and count how many devices you can find that use electricity.

Primary

If you have a smart meter, investigate it! Find out how much energy you use each day and when your energy use is at its peak—do you know why you use more energy during these peak hours? If you don't have a smart meter, take a meter reading at the same time each day to work out how much energy you use in 24 hours.

Secondary/College

Either read your smart meter or take meter readings to work out how much energy is used in your house each day. Check online whether your energy use is above or below the average energy use in the UK and/or other countries around the world.

Watt can you save?

Simple changes can help you to save money on your energy bills.

Save electricity!

Nursery

Investigate what electrical devices are switched on in your house, discussing whether they need to be switched on: freezer yes! Lights during the daytime, no!

Primary

Audit energy use in your house, if any devices are left on standby, when not being used, switch them off. Make sure phone (and other chargers) are unplugged or turned off at the wall when not in use. Make sure lights are off during the daytime! See if you can reduce your energy use this week.

Secondary/College

Use the internet to research how you can save energy at home and share this information with your household e.g. wash at 30 degrees (or less)!



www.eco-schools.org.uk

Energy



Watt tariff?

Check what your energy tariff is to save the planet (and some money).

Investigate!

Nursery

Discuss where your energy comes from, what is electricity? Why is it important? What would life be like without electricity? How is it made?

Primary

Find out who supplies your energy and what energy sources they use. With your parent or guardian, visit a price comparison website and find out how much your energy would cost if you switched to a green energy supplier.

Secondary/College

With a parent or guardian visit a price comparison website to work out how much your energy bill would be with a green energy supplier, discuss whether you could switch now or at a later date. Research your nearest renewable energy source.

Watt's your carbon footprint?

Your carbon footprint is the amount of Carbon Dioxide released into the atmosphere as a result of your activities. Lowering your carbon footprint will help tackle climate change.

Calculate carbon footprint!

Nursery/Primary

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

Secondary/College

<https://www.footprintcalculator.org/>

Take a break from electricity.

During self-isolation electricity is vital, it helps us: learn, keep in contact with loved ones and pass the time, but it's also important to take some time off!

Take a break!

Nursery, Primary, Secondary/College

Take a one-hour break from electricity everyday: do some exercise, read a book, create something! This task is good for you and the planet!

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/ecoschoolsengla/energy-topic/>



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