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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace
1 Peter 4:10*

8th January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

This Week

Thank you so much for your patience with us. It has been quite a turn-around but I'm happy to report that the majority of children are attending their online sessions and we've received some lovely work from them. I have included a Remote Learning Survey with this letter so that we can find out what issues you may be having and try to resolve anything that isn't working for you. I would be grateful if you could use the link below to complete the short survey. Please complete one form for each child. Thank you

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IOM_8mowLU-yDq7UATSAy8H5qaSppGpgWIDd3ryilUM04zQzZBR1QyVU9CM1dFSlo5OTVVUkkzTS4u

Children of Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

Head teachers have been left in utter confusion by the Government's announcements this week. During the last lockdown, we were urged to socially distance the children within the classroom. Our classrooms could only accommodate 7 to 9 children with desks spaced at 2m. At the beginning of this week, the message was that we should cap our numbers at 15. So despite the fact that we wouldn't be able to provide safe distancing, I accepted that figure as a guide when allocating school places. The guidance changed yesterday. We are now being told that 'all' children of key workers and vulnerable children should be offered a place in school.

Norfolk County Council recognise the impracticality of this edict and have told head teachers that they should give priority to the following groups: health, police, social care and education.

If your key worker status changes at any time please come back to me to discuss this. If you are offered a place, I expect your children to attend school full time, in order to ensure consistency for the groups, consistency for adults teaching them and ongoing structure for your child.

Communication

While we are working with a reduced staffing level, please email the office rather than making telephone calls. Our office staff will respond to you as quickly as they can. Class teachers have a dual role at the current time. They are planning and preparing for online teaching as well as classroom teaching and will be teaching both in school and online. If you don't get a response to emails that you send to the class email address, please contact me and I will be happy to investigate your issue.

We understand the enormous pressure that home learning places on families, particularly if you are trying to focus on working from home. We want to be able to resolve any issues you may be having as quickly and smoothly as possible. Please don't be afraid to ask questions. We're here to help.

Free School Meals information

We are waiting for information from the DfE about the provision of free school meals for those children who are entitled to receive a school lunch. Although we are currently able to provide a daily snack pack for the children, we realise that it is not always practical to have to come to the school and collect it. With this in mind, from next week Norse will be providing weekly food boxes which will be delivered to families whose children are entitled to free school meals. We are expecting the first order of boxes to arrive by the middle of next week but hope that the following week it will be Monday. I have attached further information about the food boxes with this newsletter.

Lunches in school

We are fortunate that, so far, we have been able to keep the kitchen open during this lockdown, providing hot lunches which many of the children and staff are appreciating at this time of year! To ensure the kitchen remains open during this time, I would like to encourage as many children as possible who are in school at the moment to have a school lunch. If lunch numbers are consistently low, Norse will be required to close the kitchen which would be a huge shame.

So, if you can support our kitchen at this time we would be very grateful. Thank you

Music sessions from Norfolk Music Hub

Norfolk Music Hub are providing some online Music Sessions. They are all free and just require a parent to sign up for their children.

The Smiling through song, History of Music and Music Tech all sound like they could be good and if the children complete the course, they will receive a certificate.

<https://www.norfolkmusic hub.org.uk/site/weekly-online-music-sessions/>

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Birthday Celebrations

Oak
 Liam
 Mikey
 Molly
 Edward
 Josie

Willow
 Mia
 Chloe
 Harry B
 Bethany

Rowan
 Chloe
 Eden

Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
Gold Book Award					
Reading Passports					
Going for Gold award					
Merit Badge	Eloisa				
Bronze					
Silver					
Gold					
Platinum					
COURAGE	Orla				
TRUTHFULNESS					
RESPONSIBILITY		Liam	Whole class!		
SERVICE					
TRUST					
SELF RESPECT					
FORGIVENESS					

GENEROSITY					
FRIENDSHIP				Elias	
RESPECT					
KOINONIA					
JUSTICE					
PERSEVERANCE	Oliver	Sam			Whole class and parents!
HUMILITY					
KINDNESS					
HELPFULNESS					
WISDOM					
CREATIVITY					

And finally...

**Heavenly Father,
Remind us to use our gifts, to serve one another, as good stewards of your varied grace.**

Amen

Kind Regards
Laura Green



Executive Head

