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School Closure – COVID-19

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, I hope that you all had a good Easter. I also hope that everyone is well within both your nuclear and extended families during this extraordinary period.

Under normal circumstances today would be the last day of the Easter holiday and we would be returning to school on Monday 20th April. But, as we are all aware we are not currently operating under 'normal circumstances', and will not be doing so for at least the next three weeks. We do hope that our daily virtual assemblies are helping us to keep connected.

School Opening

As requested by central government, we have remained open in a very limited capacity for the children of key workers and vulnerable children, where other childcare arrangements cannot be made. There has been a skeleton staff rota in place throughout this period, with school staff playing their part to support the wonderful efforts of our key workers and to support our most vulnerable students. Please note that we will continue to provide this provision through the remaining period of 'lockdown'.

Free School Meals (FSM)

We previously sent out a letter outlining how we will support our families in receipt of FSM. For further information on this please see the link below.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/240>

If you are currently experiencing **challenging circumstances** but are not in receipt of FSM please contact us on admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk or call us on 0208 985 4380 and we will see if we, our Daubeney PTCA or another of our community partners may be able to help you and your family.

Home Learning

We hope that the home learning resources we are putting in place are being received well by you and your child(ren). We have seen many lovely examples of

these resources being enjoyed, and commented on positively.
We update the 'Home Learning' section of our website on a weekly basis.
All year groups have their own page with work and activities provided.

In preparation for next week's return to the Summer Term please visit our website and visit the the homelearning pages for your child(ren)'s year group and see the resources provided. For more information on accessing these resources please do watch our virtual assemblies and specifically our forthcoming virtual assembly on Monday 20.4.20.

Home-School Communication

We believe that it is vitally important for our staff to stay in contact with our children and families during this difficult time. Here are a few strategies we will be using or encourage you to use:

1. Each **class teacher** will call each child for brief chats throughout the remainder of our school closure (at least once per fortnight) - look out for those phone calls!
2. We strongly encourage **parents and pupils** to share stories of their home learning exploits by sending us pictures or videos to admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk which we will upload to our website or perhaps even feature in our virtual assemblies.
3. **SLT** will continue to communicate with you formally via letters periodically.
4. **School** will communicate informally via our virtual assemblies.
5. Questions from **parents and pupils** should be posed primarily by emailing admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk however the office is open from 8:30am – 3:30pm (please note we are running a skeleton staff rota).

As I bring this letter to a close please continue to look after yourselves and each other. And, please stay safe and stay at home, we want to see you (and your children!) all looking healthy, happy and as bright as a button in the near future. Remember, nothing lasts forever and **we will be returning to school.**

Finally thank you, for all of your many kind and encouraging words which have been a great source of emotional sustenance for all staff during these extraordinary times – thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gregory Logan
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