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School Closure – COVID-19

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, I hope that you all had a good Bank Holiday weekend. I also hope that everyone is healthy and staying safe.

We assume that you have all seen the national address by Prime Minister Johnson yesterday (10.5.20) including the **possible** phased reopening of schools on 1st June. It has been **suggested** that Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 **may** return to school after half term. Based on that address we would like to outline our current position as a school.

School Opening

Until we have clear guidance, **the provision at Daubeney will remain as it has been since the start of school closure** until further notice.

We will send a further update next week.

Free School Meals (FSM)

We continue to provide those entitled to FSM with vouchers via the government's scheme.

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 continue to update the 'Home Learning' section of our website on a weekly basis. All year groups have their own page with work and activities provided.

We have now supplemented this for Years 6-4 with Google Classroom. We will be rolling this provision out to Years 3&2 over the coming weeks and are exploring the feasibility of year 1 accessing their learning using this platform. We will keep you

informed of our home-learning provision via phone calls with teachers and our parent communication letters.

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. AS such we will continue to employ the methods of communication below –

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).

Additional information

On a positive note due to the uncertainty of school provision at this time it has been mutually agreed that Mrs Thomas will remain in post during the autumn term (2020-2021). Mr Warren will remain at his school to support them at this time.

Finally thank you, for all of your many kind and encouraging words and for sending in videos and pictures of your family's home-learning, they have been a great source of inspiration and emotional sustenance for all staff during these extraordinary times – thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gregory Logan
Head of School
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