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1st June 2020

School Closure – COVID-19

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, I hope that you all had a good half-term break.
I also hope that everyone is healthy and staying safe.

As you are all aware the government requested the phased reopening of schools from 1st June for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 (priority year groups). Thank you to those who have completed the parent survey so that we could garner how many families desired their child(ren) to return to school from the priority year groups. If you completed the survey a member of staff will be in contact with you shortly to confirm if your child has secured a place and a potential start date.

School Opening

The current provision at Daubeney for **key workers and vulnerable children** will remain as it has been since the start of school closure. However, we will now ask keyworkers to complete a weekly request via our online keyworker registration form.

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 incorporated Google Classroom for years 2-6. 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

There are on-going conversations regarding the proposed widening of our provision, and as such we may need to revise our original proposed dates of opening for the priority year groups.

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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