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## School News

We are all trying our best to cope during these challenging times. The school remains open for children of Key Workers and children deemed vulnerable by the government. We have a small number of staff in school Monday to Friday supervising the children and providing breakfast and lunch.

If you think you are a Key Worker or have a child who requires additional help at this time please email the school on [admin@jubileewood.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:admin@jubileewood.milton-keynes.sch.uk) urgently so we can discuss the situation with you.

Over the Easter holiday (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April (excluding the bank Holiday weekend) we can minibus children over to New Bradwell to attend a playscheme there so that our Key Worker and vulnerable children can still be supervised.

My team has been trying to keep in touch with you and provide lots of ideas for school-type work and activities you can do at home. Our website is updated regularly with links and ideas. Please note we will not be setting additional work over the Easter holiday period.

The plan is to create more worksheets and set more work at the start of the new term which will be in named packs and available for collection from school.

The work will be available outside the main entrance on tables and you will be sent a text message once your child's work is ready to collect. It is not possible to send back work for marking as the teachers are social distancing at home most of the time, just like you, and the risk is too high. You can, however, expect as much help as we can offer- we are all in this together.

I do understand the situation is difficult for many of you and I know money is tight. We can support, through government vouchers, families with children on Free School Meals. Again, if you think you are eligible for Free School Meals but you have not applied in the past please email the school for advice. I am sorry, but this does not include infants on the 'universal free school meal' option- just all eligible children who have the entitlement because of the family's financial situation. The next payment of the vouchers will be after the Easter holiday as the school provided emergency vouchers at £2 a day up to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

The government scheme is based on £3 a day which is good news- once we have more information on how this will work, I will email families.

Finally, I can announce that we have some staff changes taking place! Miss Barbrann Hough, Ms Khurshida Hussain and Mrs Nirasha Ramlugan will be leaving us officially at the end of this term. Miss Hough will be moving to a new teaching post at Wavendon Gate School whilst Ms Hussain and Mrs Ramlugan are following alternative careers. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success. Once school reopens, we will also welcome as teachers the following new staff: Mrs Clare O'Brien and Mrs Clare Murray who will 'job share' Y1 Owls Class and take over from Miss Hough. Mrs Louise Taylor will be the part time teacher in Y4 Badgers Class replacing Mrs Ramlugan. Finally, we also welcome Mrs Kerry Williams who is replacing Ms Hussain as our part-time cover teacher. I am delighted to have such experienced teachers joining our team and working with our children.

Please keep safe and follow all the advice provided by the government and medical experts.

Tony Berwick