

CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

CROMWELL LEARNING COMMUNITY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Today marks the start of the summer term but we find ourselves in the same position as we were in March with the Government informing us just last week that the lockdown is in place for us all, for at least another three weeks. From phone calls that have taken place with moms and dads to date, it appears we have much to be grateful for, with our families remaining safe and well. We hope this remains so, but it will of course, rely on everyone continuing to follow government guidelines in relation to staying at home, adhering to social distancing and washing hands thoroughly on a regular basis.

As a school we are missing the children very much and are looking forward to the day when we can open the gates and welcome all our families back. While there is much speculation in the press we ourselves have no further information about return dates at this point, and we will all have to wait for the guidance to be updated and officially released.

In the meantime, we will maintain our care for the children of keyworkers and continue remote learning through the ClassDojos. (See attached details) You will be able to access this on a mobile phone or tablet, but please note that where families have real difficulties, we will be able to supply a paper copy of the tasks set that can be collected from the main school office each Wednesday morning 9.00 – 12.00pm. Please let us know beforehand though.



As of this week, we will also be issuing the national free school meals vouchers. We have attempted to email these out to parents, but unfortunately, some email addresses have not allowed us to do this. During the school closure, it remains important that we have up to date contact details to enable us to complete well-being calls but also to inform you of any relevant updates. Please contact the school if you have a change of mobile telephone number, email, or temporary / permanent address. To do so, parents can still contact the school office on 0121 464 2434 or alternatively email advice@cromwell.bham.sch.uk.



Some parents have contacted the school regarding FSM vouchers that have already been issued. It is important to point out, that they will only go to those pupils and parents **eligible** for *free school meals. It does not include all the pupils currently in Reception, Yrs. 1 and 2, who receive a school meal on a daily basis as part of the 'Universal' funding. As a school though, we are very aware of the additional food costs for families now the children are at home full time. To help families through these difficult times our kitchen staff will be making up weekly food packs for **KS1 pupils only**. The parcels will include a loaf of bread, block of cheese or tin of tuna, butter and mayonnaise portions, biscuits, crisps, jelly pots, fruit and juice – sufficient food for a lunchtime meal each day of the week. This can be collected on **Wednesday morning this week (22nd April), 10.00 – 12.00pm**. From next week (w/b 27th April) they can be collected on a Monday morning at the stated times. If you could bring a carrier / shopping bag with you it would be really appreciated.



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www.cromwell.bham.sch.uk

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*If you believe you are entitled to free school meals but have not applied for them please go to:
<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

While the children have been at home, a deep clean has been taking place in school and it continues this week, with attention also turning to the outdoor environment. Teachers and teaching assistants have been engaged in on-line learning, alongside the children, while also planning a range of lessons and activities for the children's return.

We know many parents have also been busy supporting home learning activities and we hope you will continue to do so but, we do want you to know that we think you are doing a great job. Many of you are trying to juggle work commitments, maintain the family home, educate the children and at the same time keep them happy, safe and reassured. Sometimes it's difficult to do all these things at once and there are times when we need to be realistic, honest and kind to ourselves, as well as others. Focus on one thing at a time, do that well, then move on to something else.



Please continue to look after yourselves and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or need some additional support for either yourself or your child/children.

Yours sincerely,

R. Darr

Executive Headteacher

Dojo our online learning platform
How it works – a guide for parents and children
We hope you enjoy learning together

Parents:

Login in as a parent to access: (this can be through any electronic device – computer, laptop, however you can use Class Dojo on just your mobile phone)

- The school story – here you will see messages and updates from the Teachers, Office Staff and Senior Leadership Team
- Messages – here you can message a teacher directly regarding any concerns you may have, or to ask a question
- Notifications – here you will find updated responses to the work you child has completed
- The child's achievements: by clicking on to the monster and then click 'Report', it will show you how many dojo rewards your child has achieved each day/week or month

Child:

- Personalise their monster – by clicking on the monster, they/you can change the appearance.
 - Dojos awarded – by clicking on the 'points' icon, you can access the dojos which have been awarded that day.
 - Activities – this is important! By clicking on the 'Activities' icon, you will find all the activities set by the teacher.
 - Under 'To Do' – it will list all activities to complete.
 - Click on each one and it will direct you on how to share the work e.g. photo, video, text writing.
 - Once saved, it will say 'pending' until the teacher has checked it, commented on it and may award some dojos.
 - Under 'Completed' – you will find all activities already completed and the teacher comments.
- Enjoy!