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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents

I hope that you had a wonderful Easter holiday despite the circumstances that we all find ourselves in. Hopefully you have been able to enjoy the nice weather we have been having whilst following the stay at home guidance. I am pleased to say that so far we have not been informed of any confirmed cases of COVID19 with staff or pupils. We are most thankful for that.

School has continued to be open on our Market Rasen site for the children of keyworkers including through the Easter holiday. In term time we are averaging around 15 children each day. Many thanks to those parents who are keyworkers but have found a way for their child to be safe at home rather than use the school provision. Many thanks also to my staff who have been exceptional during the closure. They are still working hard providing care for keyworker children, setting work for those at home, calling parents and children, completing online training and developing the curriculum in many cases around their own caring responsibilities.

At the time of writing this we still do not know when the lockdown restrictions will be lifted however it would appear that this will be at least a further three weeks. Please know that the moment that it is safe to do so (for pupils, parents and staff) we will reopen our schools following whatever guidance is in place.

As we approach the new term we intend to re-evaluate our educational offer whilst we are closed. As you know, at the moment we are uploading work for your child to do on a daily basis. Whilst this appears to be working for the vast majority of parents we know there are some barriers to this due to technology at home or internet connections. The DfE have announced a service in partnership with the BBC that is due to start on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April however we have limited details at present so in the first instance we will continue as we were before the holidays and the work for w/b 20<sup>th</sup> April will be on the school websites. If we change the offer we will let you know.

Market Rasen <http://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk/online-learning.php>

Nettleton <http://www.nettleton.lincs.sch.uk/online-learning.php>

As we have mentioned many times please remember the following:

- We do not expect any work to be printed; please work into the books we sent.
- You are parents first and your child's wellbeing needs to come before learning. We appreciate that many parents are having to work from home and cannot fully dedicate themselves to their child's learning.
- The work we have set is an offer. Do as little or as much as you like.
- Make sure you are doing lots of other nice things; getting your daily exercise (whilst respecting social distancing), cooking, drawing, exploring the many free education resources on the internet, reading ([www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)), crafts, arts etc.

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Please ensure that your child is safe when using the internet. There is lots of advice on the e-safety pages of our websites to help you.

<http://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.php>

<http://www.nettleton.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.php>

Class teachers will make another keeping in touch call in the near future. These calls may come from phones with a restricted ID so please answer if you can; teachers are really keen to connect with you and your child. There is some excellent support in both Market Rasen and Nettleton if you are experiencing hardship. You must let me know if this is the case. We are able to organise food drops offs at short notice should you need it. Any request for this service is strictly confidential. We do not want any family to go without in these challenging times.

It appears that nationally there is a rise in domestic violence/abuse and sadly our communities will not be immune to this. If you need advice or support Edan Lincs offers this and can be contacted either by phone (01522 510041) or by secure e-mail [info.secure@edanlincs.cjcm.net](mailto:info.secure@edanlincs.cjcm.net) There is also an online form on their website where you can arrange a call back with one of their specialist domestic abuse workers.

[www.edanlincs.org.uk](http://www.edanlincs.org.uk)

Finally, although school is closed for most pupils please remember we are always here for you. My e-mail address is checked daily. If you wish to e-mail teachers (all addresses are on the home page of the school websites) they will get back to you. If your child is experiencing any emotional or behavioural issues due to isolation or the COVID19 crisis please let us know. We have an excellent Parent Support Advisor, SENCo and ELSA counsellors who may be able to help.

We are all looking forward to a time where normality resumes; we cannot wait to see our playgrounds and classrooms full of learning and laughter again. In the meantime please stay in touch, ask if you need our support and adhere to the social distancing guidelines so we can all get through this safely.

Kind regards,

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