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## COVID-19 Closure Weekly Bulletin 4

Dear Parents,

I can't believe how quickly the time for the latest weekly bulletin comes round at the moment. Life 'behind the scenes' at the school continues to be as hectic as it always is – but without the fun of having all the children around!

We were extremely saddened to hear this week that the devastating impact of the virus has begun to impact on the extended families of members of our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all...

As has been the case from the start of the pandemic, our primary hope for all is that this finds you and your children as healthy and happy as can be.

### Food Parcels

Our system for providing weekly food parcels for the families of those children eligible for free school meals continues to run well and it has been lovely to chat (at an appropriate distance of course) to those of you who are collecting them. Please remember to collect your parcels between **12:30pm and 13:00** each Monday.

Should your circumstances change and you become eligible for this provision, remember to contact the school on [adminoffice@lymington-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@lymington-jun.hants.sch.uk) to discuss arrangements.

Alternatively, if you require additional support in this area, the **Lymington and Pennington Food Bank** are open and may be in a position to help. Contact the school as above in the first instance and we can look in to the referral process for you.

### Phone Calls from Teachers

You should all have received a phone call from your child's class teacher this week. The staff have really enjoyed catching up with you and, of course most importantly, your children.

A big thank you from all at the school for the outpouring of support that the staff received during these conversations. It was very much appreciated!

It has become clear from these phone calls that a significant number of people weren't reading these updates and/or visiting the website/Twitter feed. As you are currently reading this, we know this does not apply to you (well done!) and would appreciate it if you could help us spread the word to others to do the same.

### Remote Learning

The staff have also really enjoyed seeing the examples of children's work that have been sent to the year group email addresses (reminders of these are available on the website) this week.

Please keep them coming in and remember that they do not just have to be the outcomes from the weekly learning pack. In fact, some of the things that have brought the biggest smiles have been the creative ideas that you have come up with together as a family.

### **Future Arrangements**

It still remains unclear when the Government will begin lifting the current restrictions and what that will look like when they do. We hope that this will be done in an orderly way to ensure that we have time to fully prepare.

As such, we are unable to provide any specifics about this. However, rest assured that we are doing everything we can to model this through and will keep you updated as soon as we know exactly what things will look like.

The safety and well being of our children and staff will of course remain our number 1 priority but it's fair to say we are very much looking forward to things returning to 'normal'.

### **Final Reflection**

The goal of life is individual to everyone. Being safe while surrounded by people who love you sounds pretty good to me.

Don't count the days, make the days count...

Best wishes,

Dan Twyman  
Headteacher