

Dream Believe Shine



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Greetings families!

It's been a very different week at school, and been very strange not to be seeing you all. The streets of Aspley are very quiet because you are being so sensible and staying at home. Thank you.

So far, we have had eight children here each day – all of whom are from households where parents and carers are essential workers, so there is no-one at home to be able to look after them.

The children started off in two groups (upper school and lower school), but from today, are working as one group with Mrs Sprake, Miss Townsend and Miss Drew (and plenty of space between them) in Class 7. As the weather has been fine, they have been able to be outside to do their work as well as indoors. Everyone has joined Joe Wickes for his daily workout, and my little dog Tim, has enjoyed joining the children in class, and getting a lot of fuss.

Miss Walters and Mrs Sufa have been delivering packed lunches to those of you who are entitled to free school meals and have requested them. This service will continue until the end of the week.

Next week, some families will be given a voucher which can be spent at Asda on food for children, and other (limited) items. The voucher is for a fortnightly amount, for £20.00, and valid until May 31st.

Some of you (universal infant free school meals, and KS2 free school meals) will be notified. You will receive a text message with an allocated day of the week and collection time. We ask that you come to collect the voucher only at this time. If you have more than one child, you should collect all the vouchers at one time. Vouchers must be signed for and be collected at the school office. You'll need to be sensible about staying spaced out if a group of you arrive at the same time, and enter the school foyer one at a time. I'm sure we'll figure it out!

Our situation seems to change daily, but the small staff team who are on site are positive, healthy and getting things done. We also have a large group of staff who are working from home and they are working hard on home learning ideas, lesson planning, assessments, and school reports!

We all send our best wishes. Do what you can with school work – home learning is very different for everyone, and no-one has the perfect formula. At worst, read and do whatever exercise you can.

Ms Bromley

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