

# Dream Believe Shine



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Greetings to you all,

We're now a week into the Summer Term and I know that behind those closed doors, everyone's been really busy.

A team of staff delivered the new work packs during the week and the children have made a start on some of the activities. The delivery teams didn't quite 'Walk 500 Miles', but they did walk a total of 90 miles between them, to visit your homes and drop off work! They enjoyed seeing a few of your faces at the windows and doorways and were cheered on by your smiles and waves.

Here we are setting off!! <https://youtu.be/EwidqcD2IAo>

We have had a few more children attending on different days this week. If you think you need a school place to support your work pattern, please call me at school for a discussion.

The staff who can come on site are currently on a 2-day-a-week rota, which I update weekly. Some are working with children; some delivering things to your homes; some carrying out admin tasks; and some preparing food, decorating and cleaning. Our cleaning teams, led by Mr Birchnall and Mr Cresswell, are doing a brilliant job of keeping school clean, healthy and safe – we really appreciate their hard work and dedication. I know that Keith is missing his cricket games with you at lunchtime, but I can't convince him to throw a ball for Tim the dog to 'Fetch'!

Mrs Shepard has been filming her phonics videos and uploading them to the Reading pages of the school website. I'm sure you'll enjoy watching and joining in – whether you're in Year 1 or not!

Many of our staff are unable to come onto the school site and are busily working at home. They will update you on all their activities in their individual year group letters which will be delivered to children next week. Also, Mrs Bond has been busy growing plants for you in her greenhouse – as soon as the plants are hardy enough, we'll bring them to you for the children to grow at home.

As I'm sure you know, there is now a government funded scheme to provide supermarket vouchers (with a value of £15 a week) through the government's Edenred website to those families who are on benefits. It's taken a lot of effort to get this up and running, and we thank you for your patience. I hope that once we've got the correct email address for everyone, and all the glitches have been ironed out, regular payments will become more straightforward. If you have not, but think you

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should be included, you need to contact Pupil Benefits at Nottingham City Council who will then notify school that you are eligible.

For those of you who may be experiencing hardship, who are NOT entitled to benefits and the Edenred payment, we can make and deliver packed lunches to your children if you think that would help. Please give us a call at school if you'd like us to do this for you.

I'm afraid that despite several press rumours, I still have no definite idea of when schools will be allowed to open again. As soon as I do, I'll let you know. In the meantime, please stay in touch through your year group emails, or the [admin@ambleside.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ambleside.nottingham.sch.uk) email, or by phoning to speak with me at school. No matter how silly the question may seem, we'll always try to help!

Thank you so much for your messages of support and encouragement – it means a lot to us as we try to 'get it right' in a situation whereby we have no previous experience to draw upon!

I hope you have a lovely weekend, and can get out your sun-cream, paddling pools, and barbeque stoves!

I send you my best wishes,

Ms Bromley