

Dear Parents

**PARENT GOVERNOR** — Following the applications for parent governor, we would like to welcome Mr Paul Gately to the team of governors. We are sure that he will be a valued contributor to the continued successful governance of the school..

**ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCES** — Here is a list of recently advertised online resources to support parents with home learning.

- BBC Bitesize
- The Oak National Academy
- Letters and Sounds for home and school

There are so many online resources available — it would be impossible to list them all. Your child's teacher will have indicated other useful websites in the learning from home activities. Please let your child's teacher know if you are having difficulty accessing the digital resources. Alternative home learning activities can be provided in these circumstances.

**EYFS** - The Reception team are contacting parents with suggested activities using Tapestry.

**CHILDCARE FOR KEY WORKERS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN** — Please continue to complete the Child Care Requirements Form sent out on Wednesdays. Whilst staff are working on a rota basis, this is a single point of contact for establishing numbers and confirming staffing arrangements. If there are changes in your key worker status, please contact the school office via email to request a place and to be added to the mailing list for the Child Care Requirements Form. Key workers will need to provide a letter from their employer to confirm the need to attend work, if they have not already done so.



**CHILDREN IN SCHOOL** — There are a small number of children attending during the closures and they have become accustomed to the measures in place for social distancing and keeping each other safe. Learning is taking place in a very different form, with staff that they may be less familiar with. Learning is less formal due to the wide age range of children in class, and more distant due to the need to maintain social distancing in the classroom. Well done to all those who have been attending, you have adapted to the changes brilliantly.

Well done to the staff also, for their creativity in providing different learning experiences and working in ways that are challenging, when working both at school and from home..

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS** — If your work circumstances have changed, and you think you may now be entitled to Free School Meal vouchers, please let the school office know via email (even if your child is in Reception or KS1 and automatically receiving the Universal Infant Free School Meals government initiative).

McColl's has joined the list of supermarkets that will redeem vouchers secured through the free school meals national voucher scheme. Supermarkets available also include Aldi, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Waitrose, M&S, Asda and Morrisons.



**PHONE CALLS** — During the next few weeks, you may receive a short telephone call from staff in school. The aim of this is to touch base with families and discuss any concerns you may be having. Teachers will also be continuing email contact.



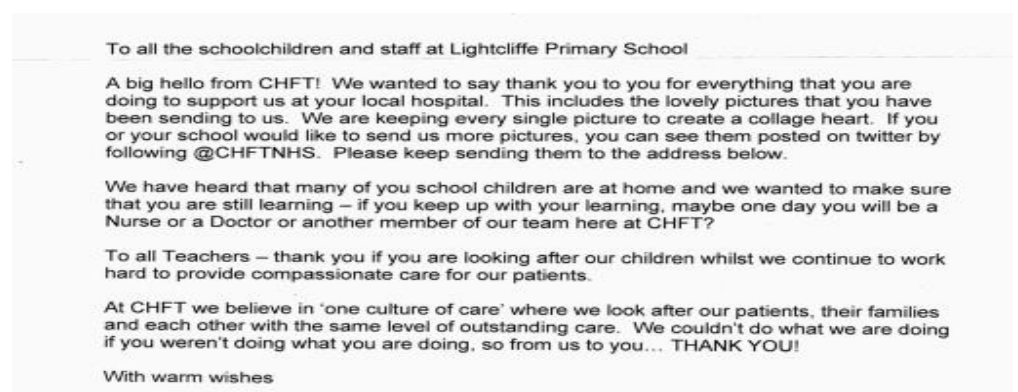
**EMAILS TO TEACHERS** — Many families have been sharing home-learning with teachers via email. This has been an efficient method of contact between school and families so far and we encourage this practice to continue. For those who have not yet made contact via email, we would encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

**WELLBEING** — There is a huge concern nationally about the effects of lockdown on people's wellbeing and mental health. We have added a section to the 'Learning from Home' area of our website, where parents can find links or advice with regards to wellbeing.

**SHARE YOUR CONCERNS** — If you have any safeguarding or wellbeing concerns, please use the Red Share Your Concerns Button in the menu on our website to report the issue. Concerns will be sent directly to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

**RE-OPENING SCHOOL** — When the time comes to re-open schools, we shall inform parents of how this will happen. At this point, we are unable to begin to make any such plans until the government makes a decision and produces guidance.

**THANK YOU LIGHTCLIFFE** — We are delighted to have received a letter from the Calderdale and Huddersfield Foundation Trust, thanking the children for their contributions of artwork.



**PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS** — As ever, we always love to hear of your achievements outside of school. If you would like to tell us about something you have done during lockdown that you would like to share, please email admin and we will add it to future editions.

In the meantime, we continue to offer our support to all the children and families of Lightcliffe school. Take care...stay safe.

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