

# Headlines

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021



## Dear Parents

Just when we thought school life couldn't get any more bizarre it has!

I heard, along with the rest of the country, at 8 o'clock on Monday evening, that schools would be closed to most children from that point!

Thank you for bearing with us on Tuesday while we sorted out provision for the children of critical workers based on the surveys that we sent out.

If you need provision and think you may be entitled to it please check with the guidance below:

Full list:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

and contact the school to discuss our capacity.

## Lunch Support

If your child is entitled to free school meals because you have a low income or are on benefits you are entitled to a food pack. These contain lots of great ingredients to make lunch with. If you live locally we will be delivering these, hopefully on Monday afternoon.

If you do not usually receive free school meals and you are experiencing financial difficulties because of the current situation please contact us and we may be able to help.

There is also help available from Hebrews at St Paul's Church who are giving away free lunches to any children on Thursdays and Fridays and also often have food available.

Hebrews or school can refer you to a food bank if you require.

The Trussell Trust (who organise food banks) have trained Citizens Advice advisers available 0808 208 2138 (Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm)

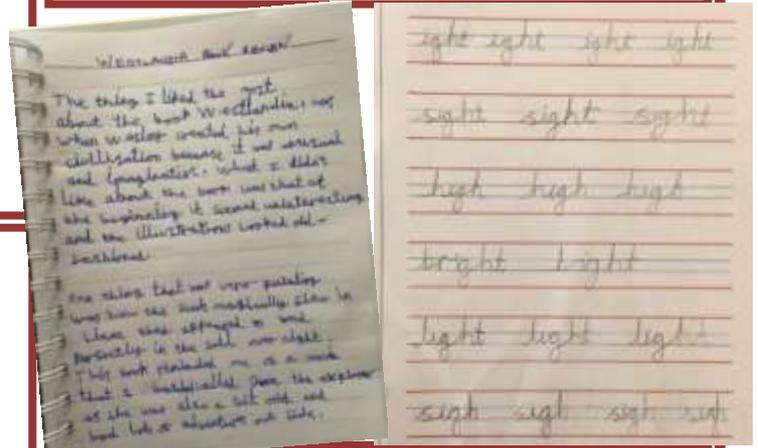
Surrey also operates a crisis fund that may be able to help:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/surrey-crisis-fund>

## Remote Learning

Thank you to everyone who has persevered with any of the remote learning that has occurred this week. We are learning as we go and I am sure it will become slicker and even better as we all become more familiar with it. If your child does not have access to a device, then please let us know and we may be able to help.

Some children are already pretty amazing at it and I have had a peek at some of the work that is going on. There was a great book review from Harry Year 5 and some lovely handwriting from Skyla-Rae.



Children in school have also been busy ... or just looking gorgeous!



For those children who are still attending school it is important that we continue to follow the COVID rules **COVID 19**

If your child:

- Has a high temperature,
- Persistent dry cough
- Loses their sense of taste or smell

**do not send them into school.**

Inform the office. Take advice from 111 or 119 phone lines. Arrange for your child to have a test if advised to.