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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this newsletter to you all I cannot help but reflect upon the last two weeks and how very different our lives are today, compared to when I last wrote to you all. We are undoubtedly living in uncertain and anxious times, but I have found comfort in the support our school community has shown each other. From the encouraging words and parent emails, to the complete dedication shown by my staff team in ensuring we stay open for our key worker families, even the wonderful pictures we receive every day of the children working hard and still smiling, it all helps to remind me what a very special community Bagshot Infant School is. My staff are working hard to ensure our home learning offer evolves and is fit for purpose for you at home. We, like you are learning to work in a new way and will continue to develop our resources over the coming weeks and appreciate your patience at this time.

I would normally be wishing you a Happy Easter at this time but that seems a little out of place instead, my team and I sincerely wish that you stay well and keep safe.

Wishing we all can be back together very soon  
Miss K Aldred

#### **Easter Holiday**

School will remain open over the Easter holiday for children of Key Workers and those most vulnerable. I would like to say a big thank you, not only to those staff volunteering during this period but also every member of my team that has supported children these past two weeks and the many that will continue to do so, for however long we are needed in this capacity. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need help over the Easter period, we will help in whatever way we can.

#### **Director of Education Surrey County Council**

I have been asked by Surrey County Council to forward you a letter from Liz Mills, the Director for Education in Surrey.  
You will find it attached to this newsletter.

#### **Free School Meals Entitlement**

I am sure you will have seen on the news, the government announcement regarding supermarket vouchers for families that qualify for Free School Meals. This has taken a little time to come through from the government but I am pleased to report that we have now been able to set this up for our families.

Free School meals entitlement is not the same as *Universal Free school meals*, which gives every infant age child a free lunch, only those families that are in receipt of certain benefits qualify for the Free School Meals vouchers. I appreciate this is a little confusing, but we have been in contact with all those families that do qualify and are working hard to ensure our most vulnerable children and families are supported with food, where they need help.

If you are unsure or need assistance, please do get in touch and we will help where we can.

#### **Home Learning**

Our school website has a dedicated page with learning projects for you and your child to complete, please do take a look:

<https://www.bagshot.surrey.sch.uk/for-parents-carers/curriculum/>

Reading Eggs is also available for daily reading activities. There is no obligation to continue with home learning activities over the Easter break but keeping to a routine during these unusual times may help your child, in the long term.

If you would like to share your child's learning with us please do send us a photograph to [info@bagshot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@bagshot.surrey.sch.uk)

We would like to share your pictures via our Facebook and twitter feeds, so please state in your email if you give us permission to use your photograph in this way. No names of children are ever used.