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Dear Parents and Carers, 3rd April 2020

I hope you are all keeping well and are coping with all of the changes since we left school on the 20th March… seems a lifetime away.

I know I speak for **all** of the staff when I say we were so proud of our children and how they took everything in their stride during that VERY different last week of school… And a big ‘thank you’ for the support you have shown school in the last 2 weeks

**Updates**

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

The Government has now introduced a **Voucher system** for those children in receipt of **Free School Meals** .This starts on **Monday 20th April.** We will be emailing all involved parent/carers (It **does not include** all Reception to Year 2 pupils who are classed as **Universal Free School Meals**).

**Home Learning** PLEASE LOG-IN SEESAW EVERY DAYas this will beour main source of communication for school work. Staff will be posting **‘Year Group Weekly Planning’** each **Monday from 20th April** with Literacy and Numeracy tasks and activities linked to new Topics. They will also be responding to individual children’s posts each day. There have already been some amazing contributions - home- baking, painting, craft and physical activities.

Staff are working in Year groups teams to enable contact to be maintained, if staff become ill etc. Staff will post other resources to support learning as they become available during the summer term. **Don’t forget** there are also links to activities on the School Website Home Page.[www.appletreegardens.org.uk](http://www.appletreegardens.org.uk)

A good routine where you check the work set with your child and look at the comments from teachers, will enable your child to continue to make progress. However, pleasedo not feel pressured to complete every task. We understand that you may have your own family priorities.

**Communications**

We will use the school website, parentmail, email and telephone to keep in contact with you.The school office is working on reduced hours so we would suggest emailing and a member of staff will contact you. We can pick up emails in and out of school hours. [info@appletreegfs.org.uk](mailto:info@appletreegfs.org.uk)

**IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MOBILE NUMBER OR EMAIL PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO INFORM US.**

**KEY WORKER EMERGENCY CHILDCARE** We are providing some Easter Break childcare for Key Workers. Should you have a need for EMERGENCY ONLY childcare over the Easter,(not already booked in) pls email the office [info@appletreegfs.org.uk](mailto:info@appletreegfs.org.uk) or Out of school club susanne.cross@appletreegfs.org.uk and we will get back to you.

Do not hesitate to get in touch- if we can help, we will!

School will be signing off today from SeeSaw but our **home school learning will start again on Monday 2Oth April.** Let’s hope we can enjoy some warmer weather and maybe (just a little extra ) chocolate!

Good health, Best wishes,Stay Safe!

Jill Burrell and All Appletree Staff.