



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well.

Free School Meals

The Government announced on Wednesday 14th January that the national voucher scheme for those families who are eligible for free school meals will commence from Monday 18th January. We are currently awaiting further details and for passwords to be sent to us in order to reactivate accounts. When we receive this information we will notify parents/carers of eligible pupils through the school office.

Home Learning

I am delighted to report that the participation in home learning by our pupils has been excellent. The quality of work being received through class email has been wonderful to see and I would like to thank all parents and carers for supporting children in their tasks and activities while simultaneously juggling the demands of work and all the other aspects of hectic daily lives.

My colleagues and I have also been overwhelmed by the support and gratitude that we have received from parents through email contact or via telephone conversations. We appreciate enormously, and are humbled, by the kind words and encouragement we have received from numerous parents and carers. We will continue to do our very best to deliver high quality learning experiences during this difficult period for all, and will soon supplement the paper based and online learning that we are already providing, with sessions delivered by your children's own class teachers. To this end, Google Classroom packs are in the process of being sent out and should be with you ahead of Monday's first morning registration call.

We are always happy to receive your feedback regarding home learning, as we are always looking to improve our provision. Please feel free to contact me through enquiry@marshill.bham.sch.uk should you have any views regarding the educational package that we are offering during the current lockdown. I have spoken with parents who have been unable, on some occasions, to meet the timings for emailing work back to class teachers. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we understand the difficulties that this can present and would like to reassure you that these timings are for guidance only.

I wish you all a happy, peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Cusack