



# KEYHAM BARTON CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Miss R Riley, Head Teacher

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Dear School Family,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021. A huge thank you for all your support and patience as we have established how to work with families during Lockdown. We have so far delivered 285 school meals and 20 laptops. There have been Google Meets from 4th January and Remote Learning has been running for about ten days now and we can see the children are really engaging. Thank you for working with us to make this possible.

## Free School Meals

This has been a constantly changing picture. Currently we are giving out food hampers with CaterEd. There has been a lot in the News around this being outsourced but this is not the case in Plymouth. CaterEd is owned by the schools and works in tandem with them. They are not a profit making organisation. We have not been given extra money.

Every year we are allocated a budget for FSM's where we provide a hot school meal to the value of £2.20 per child per day. The £15.00 a week per child is a little more than this. The FSM's come from our existing school budget which has not changed.

There are Government guidelines as to the kind of food we should provide and it needs to be balanced and healthy - in line with what we would provide in school. We are also asked to support local providers.

CaterEd are tasked with providing 5 school lunches for every child who is eligible for a week. The press have been reporting it is to feed a family for a week. It isn't. It is to replace the lunches a child would have had in school.

The vouchers scheme is not yet up and running but we can only go with one or the other. For the moment we will continue with the hampers and keep following the Government updates. There will be vouchers provided over half term though and you will receive information on this over the next few weeks.

We will be delivering or asking you to collect hampers every Tuesday up until half term. We will review then.

## Remote Learning

The expectation is that all children are online and remote learning - even those in school who are accessing the same provision. We are monitoring which children are engaging and which are not and Educational Welfare are supporting us with this as we have to report both to our Trust and to the DFE. There is a marked difference this time - it is Remote Education not Educare.

We are still awaiting our DFE allocation of laptops and as soon as these arrive we will contact families who would like technical support. The laptops are a loan and you do need to complete a loan agreement. We will need them all returned when Lockdown ends. We also have 20 data cards so please contact the school if it would be helpful to have one of these.

Our remote learning day is structured to support you and your families with working from home.

9:00-10:30

BREAK

11:00-12:00

LUNCH

1:00-2:30

Then we would recommend some physical activity or time outdoors if you can.

We have a team of teachers collaborating, with one team supporting face to face learning for Critical Worker and vulnerable children and one team supporting remote learning. **It is important to note that where one of you is at home or you are working from home, that you keep your children at home.** This is because we are in Lockdown and the number of cases are still rising. Government advice is to remain home where you can. We have a duty of care to you and your families and I have the same duty of care to the Keyham staff and their families so we do need to keep the numbers of children in school to those who need the places.

Any children classed as vulnerable (although I would prefer the term valuable) have a place as needed and I would encourage you to access these. These would be families with social care support, children on an EHCP or any other families that fall under the Government guidance I have shared with you.

Remote education is a mix of online support via Google Classroom, Google Meets (twice weekly to introduce and celebrate learning) and recorded videos or online platforms like IXL, TTRS and Numbots. All children have passwords to all of these sites and should you lose them please contact the school.

Let us know of any further requirements you need to get your children up and running on online learning as we are keen to support you in any way we can.

## Critical Workers

Guidance remains the same: Schools should ensure that school places are offered to vulnerable children and young people [Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/children-of-critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings)

### Critical and Key Workers

**"Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (Covid-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections (*shared previously*). Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can,"**

We would appreciate advance notice weekly. When you know your shift patterns please let us know the days you need so we can ensure we have the staff provision. The same applies for Breakfast and After School Club. Please book a week in advance for these via School Money.

## COVID Symptoms

Our Risk Assessment and original guidance still apply, especially with the rising numbers of cases.

**It is vital that you get a test and isolate** in the event of anyone in your family or your child showing **any one of the 3 symptoms:**

- A temperature;
- A new continuous cough lasting more than an hour, or 3 coughing episodes in a 24 hour period;
- A loss of sense of taste or smell.

Please do not send children into school if any of those symptoms apply and please call us to let us know so we can monitor the situation in school. We still have had no cases in school and are keen to keep it that way!



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## Sleep on the Floor for a Night



What an amazing response we had to this from some of our children! Keyham have raised a whopping £946 for the Children's Catholic Society and here are the superstars that raised the money!



**These 2 raised wonderful £100.00!**



**£520 from this sibling team!**



**£60 raised by these two superstars!**



**£50.00 from this fantastic young man!**



**£180 from this sleeping beauty!**

**And we have no photos but our lovely Holly also raised £36!**

An incredible £946 from 6 families. You are changing lives! Thank you! Any outstanding money needs to go to Mrs Shorthouse who is sending it on to the Catholic Children's Society to help provide beds for children.

## PE Day until Half Term

For the children accessing school provision, every Friday will be PE day. So please come to school dressed in your PE kits on a Friday.

## WORSHIP AND LITURGY



## Come and See



In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist points Jesus out to two of his disciples and says, 'Look! There is the lamb of God,' which is a phrase that links right back to the Jewish Passover and the lamb that was sacrificed to save the Jewish people from slavery.

The disciples are curious and so they follow Jesus. Jesus invites them to 'come and see' where he lives. So the two friends go to Jesus' home and they stay for the rest of the day. The disciples realise they have found the Messiah.

One of the two friends is Andrew who invites his brother Simon to meet Jesus. Jesus looks hard at Simon and gives him a new name, 'Cephas' which is translated as Peter and means 'rock.'

Jesus sees something in Peter right from the beginning and knows that this is the man who will become the first Pope and the very foundation of the church!

## Action

**What do you think Jesus would see in you? Each and every one of us is special and we all have different gifts.**

**Spend some time this week noticing other people's gifts. Maybe take the time to make a thank-you card or write a little note telling someone what you notice in them that is good, kind and thoughtful. It could be your Mum, Dad or someone you live with or it could be someone in your support bubble.**

**Make someone smile this week and feel valued.**

**Wishing you all a safe and peaceful week.**

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**(Headteacher)**

**A FAITH COMMUNITY, GATHERED TOGETHER TO LEARN, WITH LOVE AND RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER**