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Loving one another, building each other up

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of Term 5 and Week 3 of home learning.



Remember, the teachers are at the end of an email if you need support with teaching and learning and/or wellbeing. We'd also love to see what the children have been working on either through posting photographs on Twitter or email. Please check the class webpages regularly as teachers are frequently adding new activities, links and advice. Take care everyone - we've got this!

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Christian Value for Life

Our Christian Value for Life this term is 'Service', which is appropriate considering the situation that we are in at the moment. The definition of service is the action of doing something for someone else.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Maple Class Residential visit – 22-24th April 2020

We are extremely disappointed that the residential visit to Whitemead Park has been cancelled. We are currently waiting for refunds from In2Action and have claimed the remaining balance from our insurance company. We will be making refunds through parentpay to you as soon as we can. We will contact individuals once this has been actioned. Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. Email is probably best at the moment (admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk) Thank you.

Free School Meals (FSM)

Once again our Catering Company, Caterlink, will provide a 10 day hamper for families of children entitled to free school meals.

If your circumstances have changed over the past few weeks and you feel that you may be entitled to free school meals you can check you eligibility and apply for meals by visiting: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> All applications will be treated in confidence.

The Government have announced a National Voucher scheme for children entitled to free school meals. This does not currently include the Co-op or Lidl so for the moment we will continue with the food hampers, however this may change in the next few weeks.

Attendance at School

The Governments advice is still: **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

However the school and pre-school are open for children who have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP), those who have a social worker allocated to them and those children who have parents who are key workers.

Key workers have been defined as working within:

- Health and Social Care
- Education and Childcare
- Key Public service (justice systems, those responsible for the management of the deceased, those delivering front line service, journalist and broadcasters who are providing a public service broadcasting)
- Local and National government (only administrative occupations essential to the delivery of the COVID 19 response, working in benefits, arms length bodies)
- Public Safety and National security
- Transport (Those who keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport operating)
- Utilities, communication and financial services

If you fall into one of these categories and would you like your child to attend school please email us on admin@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. Please do not telephone the school as the office may not be manned.

Covid -19 Updated Guidance

The Government have updated their guidance for parents and carers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

The Governments advice continues to be:

Stay at Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Do not meet others, even friends or family.
- You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.