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Loving one another, building each other up

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Dear Parents,

Once again this term has been difficult for us all, we would like to thank our parents, children, extended families and staff for rising to the challenge of remote learning and adapting to a different way of working for those in school and at home, we are very proud of you all.

Unfortunately Term 4 will begin in the same way and we hope that after a restful half term everyone will be revitalised and ready to continue learning. We eagerly await the Government's announcement for when all children can return to school.

School Holidays and Inset Days

The School and Pre-School will be closed for all children from Monday 15th February 2021 – Friday 19th February 2021 as this is the published February half term holiday.

The School will also be closed on Monday 22nd February for all children as this is an INSET day. All staff will be taking part in statutory Child Protection / Safeguarding training.

The School will reopen on Tuesday 23rd February for children who are vulnerable – those who have an Education and Health Care Plan, or are open to Social Care, or children of critical workers. If you feel you fall into these categories and would like your child to attend school please contact us to discuss a place.

Home Learning resources will be available from Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

Twitter / Website

Once again Miss May has been working very hard to keep the twitter feed up to date with new ideas and challenges. Results for 'Who's that Baby Challenge' will be released shortly.

The twitter feed can now be seen on the schools website, if you are not already following us on twitter now is a great time to see what fabulous families we have. @littledeansch

We also recommend that you look at the new Mental Health and Wellbeing tab on the school website. We are uploading new information on a weekly basis. Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Covid – 19

Where a pupil or staff member **tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours since being in school, (up until 3:30pm on Sunday 14th February) the School should be contacted by emailing head@littledean.gloucs.sch.uk** . This email will be checked daily until Monday 15th February.

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

Where a pupil or staff member **tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school (after 3:30pm on Sunday 14th February), the School should not be contacted.** Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Free School Meals

As circumstances change during lockdown please consider if you are entitled to free school meals. If in doubt apply, all applications are treated in confidence.

Why should you apply?

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you feel that you may be entitled to free school meals you can check your 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.