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## Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to thank you for your continued support during what has been a most difficult week at Winsford High Street. From the initial announcement on Monday evening at 8.00pm by the Prime Minister of school closure, the staff and I have been working nonstop to formulate up to date lists of children eligible to return to school as well as start a programme of home learning. We ask that you bear with us during the coming days as we modify specific aspects of home learning and prepare the tablets for the children in Year 1 – Year 6.

### Year 1- Year 6 Tablets

A team of professionals have been working at pace to prepare these for the children. We are very close to having uploaded the relevant apps and secured the devices with Samsung Knox Data Management System. However, these things take time especially when you have to unbox each device, update the software, apply the news apps and security mark them for 475 devices. The roll out should commence early next week. We will notify each year group of the day to expect us.

### Home Learning

The staff have been working hard to ensure that home learning has been planned and delivered: As a result, we have had some lovely feedback from parents. However, we realise that in most cases you also have work to undertake and in some cases, the children have not been able to access the materials. Please don't worry if this applies to you. Once the aforementioned tablets have been distributed, the home learning process will be easier. Once the children have clicked onto one of the specified apps, they will be able to work independently on their own device, with the remote support of the school staff.

### Critical Workers

Thank you for those parents who have registered as critical key workers. We ask that you now send in confirmation that you meet the critical key worker status by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, even if previously sent to us, to ensure that we retain a place for your child. Please send this information to [returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk) Thank you for your support with this matter.

### Free School Meals

We are awaiting clarification from the Department of Education with regards to the distribution of vouchers for Free School Meal Pupils. Once we have been notified, we will distribute these to the relevant families. Please note that these free school meals are different to the Universal Free School Meals for Reception and KS1 children, which are not provided unless the children are in school. To qualify you need to be on 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 - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you feel that you may be eligible due to a change in circumstances please call **0300 123 7039**. Should this be the case the school will then be informed to include you on the Pupil Premium List and you will receive vouchers and future reductions on school visits etc.

During the coming weeks please do not hesitate to contact us should the need arise via the school office or please use the following email accounts:

Reception: [reception@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:reception@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk)

Year 1: [year1@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year1@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk)

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Year 6: [year6@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year6@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk)

All other queries: [returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk)

Kind regards

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