



27th March 2020

Dear Parent and Carer

As we move into the Easter holidays I would like to thank you all and your children for the incredible efforts you have put into working from home across this week. To confirm we will not be setting work across the Easter holidays and we encourage you to have as much quality family time together as you can. This letter sets out a range of information and as always please don't hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience if you need any support.

Key Worker care placements across the Easter Holiday

We have now sent all of the confirmation emails to Key Worker parents about care placements across the Easter holidays. I can confirm that no one has needed a placement on the 30th March or the 3rd, 6th, 7th or 10th of April. As a result school will be closed on those dates currently. However if any rotas change and you find yourself needing an emergency care placement simply text 07712 854023 in the following format

Child's full name

Parent name

Parent role (e.g. nurse, police etc.)

Days and dates childcare is needed in school

The mobile phone will be checked at the end of each day and we will contact you to confirm we will open for you. If you have any urgent concerns or don't think that your text message has been received please email me ljenkins@axevalley.devon.sch.uk marking the email URGENT.

Accessing Library books

Although the school library is closed, it's easy to borrow eBooks from the Devon Libraries eBooks Catalogue. You will need to be a member of Devon Libraries and know your 4-digit pin code to access the service.

If you are not already a member, you can join here:

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/join-thelibrary>

You can download the ebook reader app (iOS/android/kindle) from here:

<https://www.borrowbox.com>

You can access via a PC (windows/Mac) here:

https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/login.html?b2bSite=6345

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To access Young Adult fiction, click on 'advanced search' on the BorrowBox homepage. Then choose 'Young Adult' from the 'Target Audience' drop down menu.

If you have any queries about this please contact Mr Brown on mbrown@axevalley.devon.sch.uk

Free School Meals

Most parents entitled to Free School Meals allowance have now signed up to receive payments directly whilst schools are closed. These payments will be awarded during term time. If during holidays you need emergency access to additional food please can you email jlomax@axevalley.devon.sch.uk where we can liaise with external agencies to ensure you get the support that you need.

If you have recently successfully applied for Free School Meals it is essential that you contact us as a matter of urgency so that we can contact you about receiving payments. Please email jlomax@axevalley.devon.sch.uk to let us know that you are now in receipt of Free School Meals.

Staying at home

Please find attached some information that CAMHS has begun to put together that has come from partners across Health; including Anna Freud Centre and World Health Organisation, as well as from the Children's Health service. It is designed to provide information for us to share with our families.

It is essential that across the Easter Holidays you continue to adhere to the government guidance surrounding Coronavirus (COVID-19).

- **Stay at home**
- **Only go outside for food, health reasons or essential work (but only if you cannot work from home)**
- **Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people**
- **Wash your hands as soon as you get home**
- **You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms**

We have attached an information poster from Dorset Police entitled 'Do you know where your children are?' Following Government advice it has never been more vital to know where your children are. By gathering in groups people are putting at risk those most vulnerable in our communities. During patrols if officers come across groups they will be giving advice and requesting they disperse to their own homes.

School closure after the Easter holiday

As a staff body we are making preparations for the event of schools remaining closed after the Easter break. Staff have been writing work books for every year group for every subject in an attempt to streamline ClassCharts and make the work feel less overwhelming. In the second week of the Easter holiday we intend to:

- Print and collate a personalised workbook pack for your child
- Deliver a pack of workbooks, stationery and art supplies to the doorstep of all students
- Upload each workbook to ClassCharts for reference

Further information about the workbooks and how to use them will be provided in the packs and sent out via Parentmail in the second week of the Easter holidays.

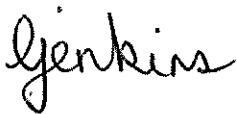
Contacting school

Please find the contact card for being able to make contact with us across the Easter Holidays. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any help, advice or guidance.

In summary

- Families should be adhering to the **Stay Home** guidance set out by the Government across Easter
- We will not be setting work over the Easter break
- If Key Workers need emergency care placements across the Easter Holidays due to changing circumstances they must text 07712 854023
- In the event of schools remaining closed we will be delivering work packs across the second week of the Easter holiday

Yours sincerely



Laura Jenkins
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