

13th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support as once again Elm adjusts to remote learning for most children. We have looked at ways to improve and support parents at home. We have developed how we are delivering the remote learning, and, as you are aware, teachers are doing daily videos, which explain to the pupils how to do their work.

We all know that having to support your child(ren) with remote learning is not ideal, but from the feedback I am getting from teachers you are doing a great job, well done!

We are hoping to receive some additional laptops from the DfE in the next few weeks, and, if you feel this would benefit your child(ren), then please contact the main office with "Laptop" as the subject of the email. We do, once again, have a limited number of devices we can loan out.

We also hope that, by the end of the week, you will have received, for those of you entitled to them, your Free School Meals vouchers. We do apologise for the delay, however this has been something we have been unable to control.

Unlike the last lock down, if your child(ren) is attending school either as a vulnerable child, or a child of a critical worker as of next week you will not receive any further vouchers. Your child(ren) will be given a packed lunch via the school catering team. If you only attend on certain days, then a lunch will be available for you to collect on the days your child does not attend school.

Finally, please can I ask once again that children are only sent to school when there is NO other adult (18 +) in the house, the government advice very clearly states "If you can stay at home, stay at home". By sending your child to school you are potentially putting them and others at greater risk.

School is at full capacity in many year groups with limited space in others. If you feel you are eligible for a space and have not yet contacted the school then you must know that a place is not automatically given, there are now waiting lists and risk assessments must always be reviewed. If your child currently has a place, this is not guaranteed for the duration of lockdown as we must look at each request and follow our priority rating.

We all need to be over cautious at the moment and, if we discover that a child has been sent to school when somebody in the household has symptoms, is being tested, or has tested positive, the child's place at school may be put at risk. **IF YOU HAVE BOOKED OR ORDERED A TEST YOUR CHILD SHOULD NOT BE IN SCHOOL.**

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Once again, I ask for you to keep your children at home if you can.

Kind regards



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