



# Headteachers' Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers,



I hope you are keeping well and making the most of your time at home with your children in these difficult times. I have never had to write a newsletter quite like this and wondered whether to at all. However, I too am trying to keep some normality and so here are my April updates to you. Schools are certainly better places with children in them and we look forward to the time when we can welcome everyone back. In the meantime, please keep safe, keep sharing on Tapestry and keep smiling.

## HOME LEARNING

All of the staff have loved seeing the learning that has been taking place at home. Many of you are completing the activities set by the class teachers, thank you. Of course there is so much other learning happening too. It is lovely to see the children learning real life skills too, like baking, caring for animals and each other and even changing oil in a car! We know that every family is different and you will all be juggling many things. Of course you will all try your best to prioritise your children's learning but please do not put pressure on yourselves. For some families the amount of work we send will be just right, for others it may be too much or too little. Please use Tapestry at least once per week – this helps us to know that you are safe and well but also use this tool to ask the teachers questions if needed.

Over the Easter break, the teachers will set an Easter homework task. After Easter the teachers will offer a **weekly mini topic** for home learning, filled with activities that you can choose from. Each mini topic will be available from the **Learning section** of our school website: <http://www.spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk/>

There is also a section under Key Information – SEND – Home learning support where you can find lots of information and activities related to well-being.

Please continue to share your home learning on Tapestry.

## Free School Meals



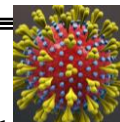
Some families who receive certain benefits are entitled to a free school meal. (This is different to the universal infant free meal that all children in infant schools receive.) To date, these families have been able to collect a packed lunch each day that the school has been closed. The government have now made longer plans to support these families. A voucher system will be set up from 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Eligible families will receive a food voucher via email that can be used in a number of supermarkets. If this is relevant to you, you will receive a personal email to explain how to access and use your vouchers. If you believe your child should be entitled to free school meals, there is an online application available from <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

## Safeguarding



We are still working to keep children safe. In line with new recommended policy, we may contact you by phone to check all is well and offer support. If you are ever worried about the safety of a child, please call 0344 800 8020

## School Closed



We are currently closed. The government have made it very clear that the safest place for everyone now is at home. For critical workers who have no other childcare options, we will try to help. Please contact [office@spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk) if needed.