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## Newsletter

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope you and your children are coping with Lockdown3. It isn't easy for anyone and we all feel the effects of yet again being in lockdown. School is very busy. The government have changed the criteria for children who are eligible for being in school. However, I am asking that parents consider if they really need their child to be in school as we are now at capacity.

The trouble is when schools remain busy, they are still vectors of transmission. We do not want to have more children in school than really need to be here. We need to do everything we can to lower the infection rate.

Unfortunately, we had to close a bubble at St Michael's yesterday. Staff are particularly at risk and this latest positive case is of a staff member. All close contacts have been informed.

I ask the whole community to keep safe, obey the rules and help our schools to stay open for the sake of our critical workers.

### **Reminder of what you cannot do now in Lockdown3**

- **Nobody can come inside your home**
- **You cannot have play dates**
- **You cannot have sleepovers**
- **You can only meet one other person outside for exercise**
- **You must stay at home, only one person leaving to go to the shop**
- **You must not travel far, staying this side of our city**
- **Even if you are working from home, your children should be at home too.**

### **Technology Troubles?**

Did you know that you can use the X-box or Play Station to download Class Dojo and access the internet? This may help your child to see the work set and to join in with their class. If your child is struggling with access to technology, let the class teacher know.

## **Food boxes**

I want to say a big thank you to our amazing school cooks, Barbara and her team at St Michael's and Dawn and her team at Clover Hill! The food boxes they made up were of high quality and very full. After such bad press about a large private company which provides some schools with food boxes (not ours as we are independent and run by the school) **the government has decided to fund vouchers again.**

So, if your child is entitled to free school meals, when contacted please let the school know if you would like these vouchers. Some were unused and we do not want them to go to waste.

## **Food over half term**

The government at this point of writing, is not providing vouchers for pupils entitled to free school meals over half term. However, Barbara and Dawn are prepared to make up food boxes if families need them. Please make sure the school knows if you would like one.

## **Lockdown Legends**

Please keep sending lovely work and other photos of what you have been doing during the week. We will be celebrating children's achievements on Facebook.

## **Paper based activities and resource packs**

We are keen to help parents access all the work and activities that the teachers are offering but appreciate that some families may not have all the resources. Please keep in touch using Tapestry and Class Dojo so that you know when paper-based activities and resource packs are available to collect. Also, library books will be sent home this way.

*Keep safe and stay at home!*

Yours sincerely,

*HJ McCarney*

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