



**Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery
School**

Newsletter 13

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and families are safe and well. The current Government advice, that is likely to be in place for some time, will test us all emotionally, physically and in many cases, financially.

We are dealing with a complex and rapidly changing situation. Our priority will always be the health and safety of our children and staff. Now more than ever, this remains our primary focus.

This is an entirely unprecedented situation and we are following official advice from the Government and Public Health authorities. We are monitoring and responding to that as it is published. This official advice will underpin all the actions we take.

While we appreciate that there will be a wide range of different views about how we should be responding and what action we should take, we hope that you will appreciate that we are duty-bound to follow the official advice and guidance from the government. We are also working in partnership with the Local Authority.

I would like to thank you for the patience, understanding and support that you have shown us.

Please take care of yourself, your family and the local community. Stay safe.

Over Easter, take time to reflect on how your life has changed and how you are going to positively establish a new routine through the Spring and into the Summer. A routine that works for your family and enables your family to be settled and happy.

Kind Regards

Mrs Diffin

Acting Headteacher

Providing emergency childcare



During this global pandemic, children are safest at home. Children should be at home, including children of key workers if this is at all possible. Where there is no alternative, schools have been asked to offer emergency childcare for a small number of children. There is a very long list of key worker roles, however, we have been asked to prioritise workers who are critical to the fight against COVID 19. I am very grateful to our staff who are supporting our colleagues working in the NHS to ensure everyone receives the care they need.

We understand that 'working at home' with young children is challenging, however, this is not a reason for children to be back at school. Please talk to your employer about your challenges and suggest flexible approaches to enable you to work 'to the best of your ability' during this unprecedented time. All parents working from home are facing challenges.

Social distancing is almost impossible to maintain in an education setting with young children and this poses risks for children and their families as well as staff and their families. We are only able to support a small number of families who absolutely need our help.

To make an enquiry, please email the Senior leadership Team:

leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

Supporting children eligible for Free School Meals



We have over 90 children that are eligible for Benefits Related-Free School Meals and they will benefit from the Government's new national voucher scheme, allowing them to continue to access meals whilst they stay at home. Weekly £15 shopping vouchers will be emailed directly from 'Edenred' (the Government's chosen voucher supplier) to families from Monday 13th April onwards. 'Edenred' is currently struggling to cope with the high demand. Please be assured that we have set up the orders and done everything we can to get the

vouchers to our families as soon as possible. The vouchers should come from this email address: noreply@edenred.co.uk please ensure you have checked your junk mail. Before the national voucher scheme was launched, we sent £40 Asda vouchers to eligible families. £15 for the week beginning 23rd March, £15 for the week beginning 30th March and £10 for the week beginning 6th April. This week, a £5 voucher will be emailed from 'Edenred'. As part of our commitment to managing challenges from COVID 19, we need to ensure that families that are entitled to receive support continue to do so. The Government's national voucher scheme enables us to fulfil our obligations. Our privacy notice makes it clear that we can share data to fulfil a public task and legal requirement. We have shared names and email addresses in order to provide eligible families with vouchers. To make an enquiry, please email the Senior leadership Team: leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk



Supporting vulnerable children

Our Safeguarding team are working tirelessly to offer bespoke support to over 30 of our families remotely. Children can be vulnerable for a number of reasons: they may have additional needs and/or a medical diagnosis. Some families may have experienced trauma or they may be receiving additional family support. We have identified the children who we feel most need our support at this time. Regular 'well-being' phone calls will enable us to stay connected and offer advice and support. If you receive a 'No Caller ID' phone call, it could be us. It's been lovely to hear how well our families are coping and the fun and creative activities that the children have been enjoying.

To make an enquiry, to ask for help or to report a concern, please email the Safeguarding Team: safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk



Supporting home learning

To help you support your child's learning at home, we are using the school website to share information. We are aware of the pressure that home learning may put on our families and we want to avoid overwhelming parents and carers who may have more than one child, who may be working from home themselves or who have limited resources and technology.

Establishing a daily routine will help your child learn more effectively. Learning is more fun and motivating when it is done "little and often".

Home learning for each year group will be posted in the 'Home Learning' section of the school website every Friday during term time. The focus for our home learning will be for our children and families to:

- Share and enjoy quality talk and interactions,
- Share a positive attitude to learning and challenges,
- Enjoy reading every day,
- Share experiences, games and activities to support understanding of the world,
- Make safe, happy and healthy choices and exercise for at least one hour every day.

Please talk to your child about the 'Power Maths' characters that they know from school. We will use these characters to promote positive behaviours and attitudes towards learning.

On our website currently are our fun Easter activities for the Easter holidays. Year Group Home Learning will resume again on Monday 20th April, the first week of the Summer Term.

If you are finding it difficult to access your child's home learning online, please email the year group teachers so that they can help or consider alternative solutions for you.

To make an enquiry or to ask for support, please email the Year Group Teachers:

nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk



Education City – www.educationcity.com

Education City is an interactive homework platform to support children's learning.

Teachers update it regularly so that children can access fun games and activities that

promote learning and boost Reading and Maths skills. Many games and activities are tablet friendly. If you need any help logging on, please email your child's year group teachers.

National Assessments 2020

The Government has cancelled the following assessments:

- Reception Early Years Foundation Stage Profile
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Year 2 Phonics Screening Check Retakes
- Year 2 End of Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Assessments

Nursery Admissions

Nursery Places: For children due to start Nursery in September 2020 (Age 3 before 31.8.20)

Mrs Howett has begun work on allocating Nursery places for September 2020. Some children will access 15 hours in Nursery, either at the beginning or the end of the week. Other children will access 30 hours - where parents are eligible - and attend Nursery every day. Mrs Howett is hoping to use email to offer and confirm places with parents and carers.

It is not too late to apply for a Nursery place. We do still have some places remaining. To make an enquiry, please email Mrs Howett: nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

School Admissions - National Offer Day – 16th April 2020

School Places: For children due to start Reception in September 2020 (Age 4 before 31.8.20)

We will need to approach transition very differently this year as we will not be able to plan for meetings and visits at this uncertain time. We will email parents and carers and we have begun to work on information packs that we can send to parents, carers and children.

School Places: For children due to start Year 3 in September 2020 (Age 7 before 31.8.20)

Most of our Year 2 children usually progress on to Year 3 at Cavendish Close Junior Academy. If your child secures a place at a different school, please email our Senior Leadership Team. I am in regular contact with Mrs Smith, the Principal at Cavendish Close Junior Academy and as time progresses, we will plan how we can effectively work together to support this important transition.

Contacting School

During this school closure, we will not always be able to answer telephone calls or listen and respond to answer phone messages. Please be patient with us. Staff are expected to work from home, where possible, and can be contacted by email.

Senior Leadership Team leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin, Mrs Howett, Mrs Asghar, Mrs Vincett, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Manners)

Safeguarding Team safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

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Year Group Teachers

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reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk (Mrs Unwin-Rose, Miss Marley/Miss Brown, Mrs Orme)

year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk (Miss Doxey, Miss Harker, Miss Luke)

year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk (Mrs Dalton, Mrs Asghar, Miss Swain)