



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery
School

Newsletter 1

Friday 17th April 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all been able to enjoy some family time in the glorious sunshine this Easter. Spending quality time together, enjoying an Easter egg hunt and sharing chocolate.

Some of our parents work for the NHS and have been working incredibly hard over Easter. Thank you for all that you are doing and your selfless dedication to your critical work. I am sure that all of our families are supporting the NHS on a Thursday evening at 8pm by standing on your doorstep and clapping and cheering. Saucepans and wooden spoons are extremely popular with children! It is a very thought provoking and uplifting experience.

We have many other parents that are carrying out critical worker roles in supermarkets and in the care sector for example. Well done to you all and thank you for your contribution.

I completely understand the challenge of working from home with your children to care for as well. This is what we are required to do at this time, and we are all doing our absolute best.

Caring for your children and home schooling is a job to be commended. I am sure that your children have enjoyed a well-earned break over Easter. The Summer Term begins on Monday 20th April. Start the term with a fresh routine. Support your child with their weekly home learning challenges if you can. Value other learning opportunities as well, for example, baking, craft, gardening, playing board games etc. Daily fresh air and at least one hour of exercise is good for us all.

The Government announced yesterday that lockdown will continue for another three weeks and will be reviewed again on Thursday 7th May. This means that school will continue to be closed for most children. At this time, we do not know when it will be safe for schools to reopen. We do know, however, that social distancing needs to be a new way of life for us all.

I am missing school life as I know it and I am especially missing our children – the smiles, the hugs, the conversations, the daily achievements, and the laughter too. I do, however, look forward to school life returning to normal when it is safe to do so.

Miss Marley will begin her maternity leave on Monday 20th April. I know that you will all join me in wishing her all the very best. She is a fabulous teacher and will make a great Mummy too. Miss Brown is now the teacher in Class 2.

Please take care of yourself and your loved ones. We are all working hard, and we are at the other side of an email if you need us. We are willing to help in any way that we can.

[Stay Home](#)

[Protect the NHS](#)

[Save Lives](#)

I have attached an Alphabet Challenge from Derby County. Have fun spelling out words and keeping fit at the same time.

I have also attached a Domestic Abuse poster. We know that COVID-19 (Coronavirus) will have a serious impact on the lives of women, men and children who are experiencing domestic abuse. Fears over jobs, financial pressure, school closures, working from home and all the other current changes to our day to day lives are likely to result in an increase in domestic abuse incidents. Please seek support if you need it. Stay safe and protect your children.

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 an exceptionally long list of key worker roles, however, we have been asked to prioritise workers who are critical to the fight against COVID 19.

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 similar 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 benefits related 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 national voucher scheme, allowing them to continue to access meals whilst they stay at home. Shopping vouchers will be emailed directly from 'Edenred' (the Government's chosen voucher supplier) to families. Please remember to check your junk mail just in case the email goes in there. The Government are funding £15 a week for each eligible child. Unsurprisingly, 'Edenred' is currently struggling to cope with the high demand. Please be assured that we have set up the orders and done everything that we can to get the vouchers to our families as soon as possible. We thank you for your continued patience.

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

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Supporting vulnerable children

Our Safeguarding team have continued to work tremendously hard through 'what would have been' the Easter holidays with daily well-being phone calls. We have been listening, supporting, advising, signposting to community services, sharing information, talking to children on loudspeaker and doing all that we can to support our families in the most appropriate way.

Although we are operating in a different way to normal, we are still following these important safeguarding principles:

- ✓ The best interests of children must always continue to come first
- ✓ If anyone has a safeguarding concern about a child, they should continue to act on it immediately
- ✓ The Safeguarding Team are always available. I (Mrs Diffin) am our Designated Safeguarding Lead. I oversee all communication with parents and provide advice and support to the Safeguarding Team as appropriate.
- ✓ Children should continue to be protected when they are online

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 currently working on:

- **Support with establishing a manageable Daily Routine**
- **Weekly Home Learning Challenges for each Year Group** (some differences between year group):

- **'Chatter Matters' ideas** – Valuing talking and playing with your child
- A fun family **R-Time (Relationships) activity** – Using good manners and working together
- Tasks to keep important **Reading, Writing and Maths** skills going
- A **Power Maths character** that will help your child practise being a super learner
- Other fun challenges to **learn about our Wonderful World**
- Ideas to encourage your child to **make Safe, Happy and Healthy choices**

- **Home Learning for children with Special Educational Needs**

- Ideas to develop **Communication and Interaction needs**
- Ideas to develop **Cognition and Learning needs**
- Ideas to develop **Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs**
- Ideas to develop **Physical and Sensory needs**

- **Support regarding Mental Health and Wellbeing**

- **Support regarding Safe Screen Time and Online Safety**

Be kind to yourself and your children, do not put yourself or them under pressure about 'completing work' at this time. This is new for us all; we are here to help so please do let us know how you are getting on and how we can help.

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.



Mental Health Support - Telephone 0300 790 0596

The NHS have set up a temporary helpline for mental health support for Derby in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. It is for all ages and is open 7 days a week, from 9:00am until midnight. Telephone 0300 790 0596. Please don't suffer in silence. If anyone in your household is struggling, reach out for specialist support. I have heard positive feedback about this service. Please recommend it to others too.



Nursery Admissions

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

Mrs Howett has allocated 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.

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 was on 16th April 2020

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

Reception places have now been allocated by the Local Authority. It is impossible for us to plan for a smooth transition at this stage as we do not know when we will be instructed by the Government to reopen school. We will be writing to families and sharing information in the coming weeks.

It is not too late to request a place at our school. We do still have some places remaining. Derby City Admissions team 01332 642730.

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

Year 3 places have now been allocated by the Local Authority. Again, it is impossible for us to plan for a smooth transition at this stage as we do not know when we will be instructed by the Government to reopen school. We will work in partnership with the Junior Academy to do all that we can to support this transition. If your child will not be going to Cavendish Close Junior Academy, please email our Senior Leadership Team and let us know:

leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk



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

(Mrs Diffin, Mrs Howett, Mrs Asghar, Mrs Vincett, Mrs Leadbeater, Mrs Dearie)

Year Group Teachers

nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Howett)

reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Unwin-Rose, 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)

Alphabet Challenge

Make learning active and fun and have a go at the alphabet challenge with your family.

Each letter of the alphabet below has an exercise where you can challenge your child's spelling. All you have to do is ask your child to spell a word and to answer they must complete the exercises below.

For example to spell the word 'Ram' you must do 5 burpees followed by 10 star jumps then finally sprint on the spot for 15 seconds.



A 10 Star Jumps

B 5 Press Ups

C Plank for 10 Seconds

D 15 High Knees

E 5 Squats

F Run on the Spot for 15 Seconds

G 10 Sit Ups

H 10 Straight Jabs

I 10 Heel Flicks

J 10 Side Bends

K Side Leg Raises

L 10 Tricep Dips

M Sprint on the spot for 15 seconds

N Wall Sit for 15 seconds

O 10 Lunges

P 10 Arm Circles

Q 10 Shoulder Taps

R 5 Burpees

S 10 Upper Cuts

T 10 Tummy Crunches

U Hold the Crab for 20 seconds

V 10 Toe Touches

W 10 Flutter Flicks

X 15 Arm Circles

Y 10 Knee to Chest Jumps

Z 10 Ski Jumpers

Domestic Abuse

Where to get help during the

Covid-19 Pandemic

We know that COVID-19 (Coronavirus) will have a serious impact on the lives of women, children and men who are experiencing domestic abuse.

Fears over jobs, financial pressure, school closures, working from home and all the other current changes to our day to day lives are likely to result in an increase in domestic abuse incidents.

If you're already living with domestic abuse, then the restrictions put in place while the government tries to slow the spread of the virus have probably left you fearful of being isolated in the house with your abuser and as if there is nowhere to go for help.

You may not be able to see the friends and family who usually support you, and some of the places where you go for help or treatment may be closed or offering a reduced service.

Please remember that you can still call 999 if you or someone else is in danger

While some domestic abuse support services are not able to offer face to face meetings at this time, there is still help and advice available online and over the phone. These local and national organisations are working hard to ensure they can still support you.

Derby City Domestic Abuse Service – **0800 085 3481**

Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Service – **0800 019 8668**

National Domestic Abuse Helpline – **0808 200 0247**

Men's Advice Line – **0808 801 0327**

National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline – **0800 999 5428**

Rape and Sexual Violence Services – **01773 746 115**


If you're a child or young person and domestic abuse is happening in your home or relationship, then call Childline on **0800 1111**.



 **101** In an emergency
always call 999
www.derbyshire.police.uk



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