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I hope that you are all safe and well.

Just a brief update on developments and news at Reedswood.

### **Free School Meal vouchers**

As you will be aware the launch of the government FSM voucher scheme is in operation and I'm pleased to report that through the determination of staff, a team approach to processing and delivery everyone that registered for the FSM voucher scheme are receiving their vouchers. This is almost 200 individual vouchers. Don't forget that if you feel you may be entitled to FSM please apply at [www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict)

It is important to register as soon as possible. Remember there is a difference between receiving universal free school meals (which applies to children in years Reception to Y2 regardless of parental income) and eligibility for FSM (which applies only to parents that meet a certain criteria based on your income, applicable to children Reception to Y6)

### **Laptop and Dongles**

As you will be aware there is an initiative to support families without access to IT and the internet. We surveyed our school population via a text and identified those without access. Thank you for your response. I'm pleased to say that we are able to distribute the equipment this week. If you registered, you will be contacted to collect this week. We hope this helps to support families in our community to access the home learning activities.

### **Google Classroom and Home Learning**

I'm pleased to see that access to our home learning is increasing as we get familiar with the learning platform, website tasks and other resources on offer. Thank you for your patience and support during the launch of google classroom.

Thank you for your response to our home learning survey. We have received lots of positive comments about home learning so far. We will continue to support any families needing help setting up or accessing our platform. If you haven't completed the survey you can do so via the academy website.

Reedswood team are keen to provide advice and support to all of our families. The teachers and support staff will be in contact with you regularly via telephone and through the learning platform. Our pastoral team and SENCO will also keep in regular contact and offer advice and support.

It's been lovely to see some of the work that the children have been doing. We submitted a range of super VE celebration work to Walsall LA to display. See twitter post.

### **Contact Details**

Please can you ensure we have your latest contact phone number and email address. This will ensure that you get all correspondence from our academy and we can contact you. As Headteacher I'm proud of our academy and the way the team continues to work together to provide for our community. We all miss you and look forward to seeing you all again when it is safe to return to school.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards  
Maxine Lathbury-Cox