

Pegswood Primary School News

<http://www.pegswood.northumberland.sch.uk/website>

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you remain safe and well.

For those of you who are eligible for FSM and the supermarket voucher scheme please can we thank you for your patience. We know that the company that is being used nationally has been completely overloaded and so there has been a delay for some of you receiving the vouchers. Having checked at the beginning of the week, it would seem that virtually all of you have now accessed your vouchers. If you are still experiencing any difficulties, please get in touch with school and we will do our best to help. Aldi supermarket is the latest one to join the scheme and accept the vouchers.

If you feel that your circumstances have changed regarding employment or anything else and you now believe you may qualify for Free School Meals, please look at the advice below and follow the link to see.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)

in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.



The application for Free School Meals is not referring to the Universal Free School Meals that were available to all children from Reception to Year 2.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If you haven't seen our little 'Hello' video it is available to view on our website – follow the link on the home page that says 'Hello from us all'. We hope it makes you smile. It is also available on our Twitter feed @PegswoodPrimary, where there are other pieces of information being posted frequently.

We hope you have settled into the 'new summer term' without too many problems and are able to access the work being set by teachers across Class Dojo and other sites. There are two new platforms that have been created nationally. One is BBC Bitesize and the other is Oak National Academy (<https://www.thenational.academy/>). Both sites are well worth a look to dip into. It would be fantastic if you could drop your teachers a message with a photo of your child completing some of the work being set occasionally (once or twice a week). They are getting lonely without your children!

A final place for support is Northumberland County Council website (<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/>) There is an online resources section to follow.

We also hope that you are remaining fit and active during these times. There are some really good ideas of how to remain active, that require no equipment at all. This weekend is a national initiative around challenging yourself to do 2.6 or 26 or 260 'somethings' in recognition of all the charities that are suffering at the minute. The 2.6 or 26 is in recognition of the London Marathon which was scheduled to be run this weekend, which is run over 26 miles. Your challenge doesn't need to be that much though! It could be a 26 minute bike ride, a 2.6 minute plank attempt, 26 keepie ups (however you want – there is a really good example of this on our Twitter feed) or even 26 hops around the house. Be inventive and post them on our Twitter feed. We work very closely with the charity Youth Sport Trust. Their website offers some really good ideas for children to remain active, and once again, their twitter feeds offer lots of fun ideas.

Please try and attempt as much or as little of the suggestions, ideas and work that you are able to - there is no expectation. Teachers will continue to offer as much support as they possibly can. We understand how tough this is at the moment for everyone. You are not alone in the worries and frustrations that you might be feeling at the moment. Many of our own staff are also feeling exactly the same as they try to implement a home learning programme with their own children.

Our school office remains open each day between the hours of 8.30am-11.00am if you need to get in touch with school.

Take care.

