

Friday, 3rd April 2020

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Dear Families,

Whilst our schools are closed we remain focused on supporting children and families in a number of ways. We encourage you to visit our websites for more detail and regular updates on our response.

Remote Support

Families with a child eligible for **Free School Meals** will receive from us details of the **National Voucher Scheme**. From Thursday, 2nd April, £15 vouchers will be issued each week of term time to eligible families, redeemable at a number of well-known supermarkets – details on our website.

Aquinas put in place an **interim voucher scheme** to cover the week beginning Monday, 23rd March. Eligible families received £10 in vouchers for either Jemsons or Tesco. Whilst this scheme has been popular, a number of these vouchers remain unclaimed. Tesco vouchers may be in 'junk emails'.

Easter will be a difficult time for some. As the National Voucher Scheme does not include the Easter holiday, we are exploring **additional support** for those most in need. We are also aware the income of some families may have changed. If you feel your child may be eligible for free school meals it is important you apply for [immediate support](#).

Apply at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals, or email us for help with accessing your vouchers.

Examinations and tests have been cancelled. **Primary testing** will not be replaced. Year 6 pupils will transfer to secondaries with a range of teacher assessments to enable a swift start from the outset.

GCSE exam boards will request assessment information from secondaries to contribute towards a 'calculated grade' which will ensure outcomes are fair and comparable to previous years. These grades will be awarded by July to support an effective transfer to further education, employment or training. There will be an appeals process but institutions have been asked to show understanding.

Key Worker Childcare

If you are a key worker and cannot keep your child safe at home during the Easter holiday you will be prioritised for key worker childcare. Our provision remains open but must be that of last resort.

We operate a booking system through office@ryeprimary.co.uk.

You can also contact us if your child has a social worker and would like further help with schooling.

Remote Study

We continue to provide 'remote study' for all our young people. Resources are on our websites. Hard copies are available – but should only be requested by families with no computer access.

Stay in touch via Facebook at 'ryeprimary and 'ryecollegeuk' – please keep this a supportive space.

We remain in your service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Blakelock".

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