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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you are all well, staying safe and enjoying the sunshine. We are writing to share some updates with you and we will continue to do so regularly throughout the period of school closure.

Government guidelines continue to state that parents/carers keep their children at home wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for those children who are either vulnerable or have parents who are keyworkers and who absolutely need to attend.

Provision Following the Easter Break

From Monday 20th April provision will continue to be held at Coleridge Primary School for the identified children from our school, along with pupils from Eastwood Village Primary and Coleridge Primary. To ensure the safety of our children and our staff it is important for us to follow government guidelines and for us to have as few pupils and staff in the building as possible. We ask that you only send your child to school if there is no other options for your child's care.

As always, the fewer children making the journey to school and the fewer children in schools will protect the NHS and save lives by reducing the spread of the virus.

Free School Meals Voucher Scheme

All children eligible for Free School Meals will have been contacted by us via text message to explain about the new Free School Meal Voucher Scheme launched by the Government. Please bear with us, we are doing all we can to try and get the vouchers out to all eligible families as soon as possible. If you believe your child should be entitled to a Free School Meal and you have not received a message to explain how this scheme will work, you can apply to RMBC to see if you are eligible.

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/benefits/apply-free-school-meals/1>

Easter Fun Activities and Home Learning Online Portal

We hope that you have all enjoyed the Easter break as much as is possible. It has been lovely seeing photographs of the children completing some of the Easter challenges set – well done! We can't wait to see you all and hear about your learning once we return to school. A very special well done goes to all the children who entered the Easter Bonnet Competition, there have been some marvellous creations and you made the decisions for our teachers very difficult! However, a huge well done goes to the following children who have each won a Golden Ticket which can be exchanged for a prize on return to school.

Easter Bonnet Competition Winners

F1	Zeya Khan
F2G	Isabelle Gray
F2MG	Teddy Wilkinson
Y1R	Orla Ellis
Y2PM	Jacob Gray
Y3B	Alivia-Rose Crowther
Y3T	Mikey Smith
Y4H	Salar Shalimani
Y5G	Emily Erhan
Y6S	Emilija Zalimaite
Y6M	Ellie Dawson



Daily/weekly learning will re-commence on Monday 20th April, week 5 of school closure. All work on the online portal should now be organised in weekly files to make the work more accessible for you. If you are struggling with any of the learning tasks set then please send a message to your child's class teacher via the Class Dojo app. If you are having difficulty accessing the app then please contact school on either our mobile number: **07902134032** or by sending an email to: enquiries@eastdene.org our staff are always on hand to try and help out in any way possible.

And some good news...

I'm sure you'll all join us in congratulating Mrs Allen and her husband on the birth of their baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing well and we can't wait to meet the new addition to the East Dene Team!

Thank You

We really do want to say a massive 'Thank you' to all of you who are continuing to support us with the home learning. Please continue to check in with your child's class teacher via Class Dojo on a regular basis and please remember that you are not on your own, we are here to help as much as possible.

Stay Safe – Stay In – Protect the NHS.

Kind regards

Mrs L Ridge

Head Teacher