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### School Closure January 2021

Good Evening,

Another incredibly busy and challenging day but it has been wonderful to hear that your class teachers and teaching assistants have managed to speak to you all. There has been a lot going on today, lots of information given and extra changes made to make sure that school is safe for those staff and children who need to attend school during this very worrying time when cases are rising and the threat of the virus becomes increasingly high.

### Places in School

Thank you all for completing the survey to request a place for your child in school. As we must ensure that school is safe, our numbers attending at this time must remain low. Unfortunately, over the next two weeks we are only able to offer places to those deemed as vulnerable (with named social worker or an education health care plan) or the children of key workers, who have no other option for childcare at this time. We will review this and all our plans on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January and will aim to increase our numbers then and be able to offer a place for all those who need it as we did in the summer term. I have informed all families who have a confirmed place, only those children with confirmed places must attend school at this time. If you need any help or want to request a place in school, please email [homelearning@eastway.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@eastway.wirral.sch.uk).

### Free School Meals

Those families who are entitled to low income related or in receipt of benefits free school meals or Early Years Pupil Premium will be provided with Food Packages each week that school remains closed. Food parcels will contain a balance of items from the different food groups, to reflect a healthy balanced diet for a child, as depicted by the [Eatwell Guide](#) and in line with the School Food Standards. Each parcel will provide:

**A variety of different types of fruit and vegetables**, to provide at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables each day. These may be fresh or tinned.

**Some protein foods** (such as beans, pulses, fish, eggs, meat and other non-dairy proteins), to provide a portion of food from this group every day.

**Some dairy and/or dairy alternatives** (such as milk, cheese, yoghurt), to provide a portion of food from this group every day.

An example of a School Food Package

1 loaf of bread or pack of rolls / 10-inch wraps

2 baking potatoes

1 cucumber

3 large tomatoes or 1 pack of cherry tomatoes

1 standard tin sweetcorn in water

5 portions of fresh fruit (e.g. apples, satsumas, bananas) or 3 portions of fresh fruit and 1 tin fruit in juice (e.g. pears, peaches, fruit cocktail)

2 items from the following: 1 pack sliced cooked meat (e.g. chicken, ham or vegetarian alternative) or 1 tin meat or 1 tin tuna in water or 6 eggs

200g block of cheese or 3 cheese portions

1 tin baked beans

1 500g pot plain low-fat yoghurt or 3 individual serving yoghurt pots

1 litre / 2 pints semi-skimmed milk

**Packages can be collected from school tomorrow between 10am and 2pm.** They will be in three areas of the school- early years in the Family Centre, KS1 in the Canteen, and KS2 in the Main School Hall. Please adhere to social distancing when collecting and wear a mask,

### Remote Learning

Class Teachers have been working hard to set up the Remote Learning for your children. This will reflect what your children are used to in school and will include a variety of online learning, live lessons, high quality pre-recorded lessons, and paper based activities and workbooks. All information is on our school website so please make sure you access it daily, <https://eastway.eschools.co.uk/website/remote-learning/511526>. Teachers will prepare packs for you to collect tomorrow and will then send information on how to use the pack and our school website to complete daily learning. **Packages can be collected from school tomorrow between 10am and 2pm.** They will be in three areas of the school- early years in the Family Centre, KS1 in the Canteen, and KS2 in the Main School Hall. If you have more than one child in school, the packs will all be together in the eldest child's area of school.

Education is now more important than ever, we expect EVERY child to complete at least 3 hours learning each day. We are here to help, guide and support you. Your children have already missed an incredible amount of schooling and we must not allow them to suffer further during this time.

### Technology Support

To support remote learning during the pandemic, we are making it easier for disadvantaged children to access the internet.

We can provide:

- 4G wireless routers - we have some SIM cards for all routers providing 20GB per month until the end of July 2021
- A request for free mobile data increases for families who do not have broadband at home & cannot afford extra data.


If you are interested, please email [schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk)

For each request, we need to know:

- ✓ the name of the account holder
- ✓ the number of the mobile device
- ✓ the mobile network of that device (for example Three)

We have also been allocated a number of laptops, I have ordered this evening and as soon as they are set up and ready to go, I will send an order form to all families so you can request one.

We are doing all that we can to ensure you have all you need to support your child's learning at home. We have also ensured that the work set for your children is not solely reliant on the use of technology and will reflect how they work in school, recording their work in their journals and school workbooks.

 For anyone who cannot access online platforms - the BBC is set to deliver its biggest education offer on more of its platforms.. 3 hours per day on TV!

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Television <https://bam.files.bbc.co.uk/bam/live/content/z4p8wty/pdf>

We will remain in touch with you all each week, you can contact us via email, class teachers will respond to their class email accounts during working hours and we have our school mobile phone, social media and home learning email address. We are all in this together, stay in touch and know we are here to help you all every step of the way.

Stay safe

Mrs Morris and Team Eastway x