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**February Half Term
Headteacher Update**

Dear Eastway Families,

Such a crazy 6 weeks! We want to thank each and every one of you for all your ongoing support of the school and your commitment to remote learning. We know that it has not always been easy but we have been very impressed by how hard our children have worked and the engagement with all of our families whilst school has been closed to the majority of pupils. Just a reminder that we fully close tomorrow at normal time for half term holidays. Please take this time to step away from the screens, get out for some fresh air and enjoy some well-deserved family time and fun. School will reopen for those children allocated a place on Monday 22nd February,

Free School Meals

Those families who are entitled to low income/benefits related free school meals (FSM) or Early Years Pupil Premium have been provided with Food Packages to cover them whilst school is closed for February half term and an activity pack for your child. We have plenty of food available, so if you are not entitled but need food at this time, please pop into the Family Centre to pick up a bag. Supermarket vouchers will continue for FSM children from Monday 22nd February until Friday 5th March.

Places in School

School continues to remain closed for the majority of pupils and will do after February half term. The Government will review their position on schools fully opening on 22nd February; their aim is to begin this from 8th March. As soon as we know further information we will let you know. From Monday 22nd February, ONLY children with confirmed places should attend school. If you need any help or want to request a place in school, please email homelearning@eastway.wirral.sch.uk.

Remote Learning and Support



Remote Learning will restart on Monday 22nd February. All daily learning and tasks are set on our school website under your child's class on remote learning, <https://eastway.eschools.co.uk/website/remote-learning/511526>

Remember anyone can request a laptop or tablet to loan or request extra data. If you need any tech support, please use this link to fill in the request form.

<https://forms.gle/A1qec3DJwF7NuBUf8>. Mr Anderton will be on

hand daily Monday to Friday to help with any technical difficulties so please email techsupport@eastway.wirral.sch.uk

All learning is available online but if you need any workbooks or stationery, we have some available for you to collect from the Family Centre. We also have a book swap trolley filled with library books, information books and levelled reading books, feel free to take books that you need for your child or bring back ones that you have finished with. I know that a few of you have mentioned that you prefer paper copies of the work set, it should not be necessary to print

anything we send. However, if the lack of a printer is a barrier to learning for any of your children and you currently have no access to one, we have received an amazingly generous offer from our community. **Kodi Lucas Estate Agents** in Moreton are kindly offering to print any schoolwork for free and, to ensure we all remain safe, have even offered to drop off if need be. Another amazing example of our school community supporting each other. If you wish to take them up on this kind offer, you can email them at: info@kodilucas.com

Remember if your child is struggling with Remote Learning, there is so much support we can give:

- * face to face support in school
 - * daily contact with teachers
 - * remote virtual tutoring
 - * one to one reading
 - * group interventions
 - * therapist sessions- drawing and talking, speech and language, ADHD foundation, ELSA, CAMHS
 - * laptops, iPads, data top ups and 4G routers
 - * Book Swap Shop & Resource Trolley (to collect workbooks, stationery etc.)
 - * sensory packs, fiddle toys, visual timetables
 - * Mental Health and Well-being packs and telephone consultations
 - * Parent/ Carer coffee mornings/ support groups
 - * Family Learning Online sessions
 - * Also our amazing learning support resource packs for maths and English
- If you need anything, please speak to your child's class teacher*



You will receive a letter, privacy notice and parent/carers and pupil agreement for taking part in virtual sessions, if you have any questions, please get in touch.

Contact Tracing - Confirmed Cases when School is Closed

As a school, we have been incredibly lucky to have no confirmed COVID cases this term and this is down to the hard work and commitment of Eastway staff and families' ongoing support and our extra precautions. School continues to have responsibility for Track and Trace and so we need to make you aware of our plans in case anyone is unwell whilst school is closed. Please be aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases whilst school is closed during February half term:

- If a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, we will identify close contacts advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school, the school should be contacted via homelearning@eastway.wirral.sch.uk ONLY. Please do not message/contact school via telephone, any other email address or social media, as these platforms will not be monitored.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact-tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Stay safe and hopefully see you all back in school very soon.

Have a wonderful half term break!

Mrs Morris and Team Eastway