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Dear Parent/Carer,

Romanby Update

We hope everyone has had a good week and is getting into the strange new routine again. We have been really pleased to see the engagement of the children in school and at home with their Imaginative Learning Projects. It is also lovely to see some of the additional things that the children are getting up to beyond their school work.

Guidance has continued to come from the government and local authority this week. The government has taken the decision to implement national restrictions in the belief that it is essential to tackling the coronavirus pandemic. The legal restrictions must be followed, which means reducing social mixing at schools to protect pupils, staff, parents and the wider community. The national restrictions mean that only the children of critical workers and vulnerable children may attend school. The DfE stated that:

"We are aware of reports of schools and colleges having more pupils in attendance this week than during the last period when schools were only open to vulnerable and key worker pupils. The national restrictions mean all children who can stay at home should stay at home."

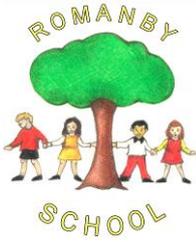
If at least one parent is a critical worker, you can send your child to school, but only if required. If you or your child do not fall into the eligible criteria you should not send them to school. Instead, they should remain at home where we will provide remote education. If these restrictions are not followed, this could have serious consequences on the outbreak in the community, and it risks undermining the school's ability to provide provision safely and adequately for vulnerable children and the children of key workers.

For those children who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) we have been informed that the national voucher scheme will be running again from Monday. To ensure everyone who is eligible for FSM who is not in school full time receives this benefit we will be moving to this voucher scheme and away from the food parcels. Details will be sent from the school office as soon as they are available. If your child is in school full time at the moment they are receiving a meal, therefore you will not get the vouchers. If your child is in school part time you will get the vouchers retrospectively to cover the days that they were not in school.

The free fruit that children in KS1 receive as part of a national scheme appears to have stopped at the moment so children in all year groups can bring in fruit as a snack at break time if you think they need it. Please only send in fruit as we have children with potentially serious allergies to nuts etc.



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As you know the weather in the last couple of days has been interesting! If we do ever need to close school we will try to let everyone know as early as we can via email, Marvellous Me text and via our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Closing school is not a decision we would ever make lightly but we now have a number of staff who live a long distance away from school where the weather conditions may be different to Northallerton. We also currently have staff who are having to work from home or cannot come into school due to illness. Any closure would be to ensure the safety of both children and staff.

In terms of the weather please make sure that if children are attending school that they have the appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather e.g. wellies/change of shoes, as we are trying to get outside as much as possible at the moment.

Thank you to everyone who has given us feedback about our remote learning provision and some of the new things that we have introduced. It is also good to see that some of the glitches that occurred with the technology last week have been sorted out.

If you have any concerns about helping your child's learning or you need any other support from school, please let us know via admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk

Thank you to everyone for their support and hard work again this week.

Yours sincerely,

J. Foxwell



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