



Dear Parents/Carers,

I just wanted to give you an update on the shopping vouchers. I am sure you will understand that the need to distribute vouchers across the country undoubtedly will cause a delay in issue. I recognise that this is frustrating for many of you but want to reassure you all that everything is being done to ensure your e codes are with you as soon as possible.

In the interim I can still ensure that packed lunches are available for collection but in order to receive a packed lunch you need to be eligible and have booked one in with Elizabeth Luke who can be contacted on 07747475913.

I realise that some of you may now be in position to apply for Free School Meals because your circumstances have changed. This can be done on the council website and I have been assured the team are trying to process these applications as quickly as possible. If anyone finds themselves experiencing hardship whilst waiting for benefits there is a hardship fund which families can access in the interim period. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/69291/Support-for-people-in-South-Tyneside>

The council website does also have links to support with other areas such as council tax and information around accessing the community hub which can support with food parcels should you need them.

I know this is a difficult time, your children are missed every day by us all. Please continue to support them with their learning by accessing the home learning section of the website. The staff are updating that regularly to keep your children interested. Staff are available either by phone on 4244859 or mobile 07760495860 or by contacting the school office email on office@biddickallinfants.co.uk

There will be no access to school staff over the Easter bank holiday weekend. If you have any questions I would urge you to contact school today.

Please do try to enjoy the Easter weekend with your families but please follow guidelines **STAY SAFE AND STAY AT HOME.**

I know I speak on behalf of the whole staff team when I say we look forward to the day when we can all come together again as a school community.

Take care

Kind regards

Andrea Willis