



Lea Endowed CE Primary School
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"Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16



Dear School Family,

I would like to begin by saying thank you for the many encouraging emails and messages we have received from so many of you, they are an invaluable encouragement. I am sure we are all digging deep and trying our best to come to terms with yet another lockdown. Personally, my heart sank when I realised the impact that the government's latest announcement would once again have on our school family but we are taking one day at a time, and together we will come through the other side. Keeping children in schools wherever possible has been a national priority throughout this pandemic and has been our priority here at Lea Endowed too however, Dr Karunanithi, our Director of Public Health, has advised throughout this crisis that we should reduce any contact with others, wherever possible, and the government advice is clear: **Stay at Home**. Whilst much work has gone into making school Covid safe, so many parents and carers now fall into the category of critical/key workers that we simply cannot accommodate all these children. Last Friday evening, the DfE asked parents, even those who fall into the wider definition of critical/key workers, to keep their children at home if they can. If you have a child with a place in school, and your circumstances change, please contact school as soon as possible so we can reallocate the place to those who are on our reserve list, thank you.

Remote Home Learning

I hope your child is enjoying our latest Remote Home Learning Plans. So far, I have had very positive feedback from parents and children. Just a reminder that these are updated every Monday morning on the website, under the Home Learning Tab. These plans include daily video explanations for new learning eg Maths White Rose Hub, as well as daily learning recommendations with links to a wealth of activities, ideas and resources. Please remember these are there as a guide, and a help to age appropriate learning, and are not meant to add pressure or stress to the already challenging situation we find ourselves in at this time.

Also remember that the teachers are contactable through their work email and are happy to help and support in any way. **Please remember the huge importance of ensuring your child is safe online at all times.**

Home Worship

Worship is an incredibly important part of our day. We normally gather together to sing, pray listen, read, cry and laugh together and it does all our hearts and minds the world of good as well as being a huge blessing to God! We are currently updating our website including our Home Worship tab. Each week the staff will share a short (approx. 5 minutes) video, linked to a book we sometimes use in school called "**Thoughts to make Your Heart Sing**". We hope you can take a few minutes each week, to pause and find a few minutes' peace in the chaos of our busy lives.

There are also many of our favourite songs on there – you may have heard your child(ren) singing some of these around the house? We've added some new ones to check out too.

Holidays 2021-2022
Holidays seem like a distant dream at the moment don't they, however I am very pleased that LCC have finally approved our Holiday Pattern for 2021-2022. A copy is being emailed out today and the list is now available on the website.

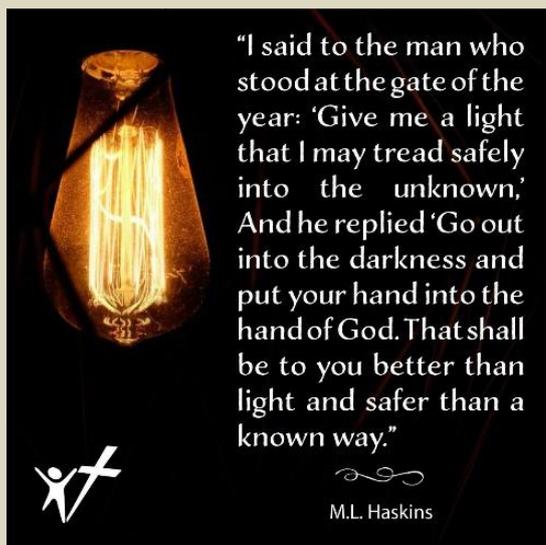
Keeping your Child Safe Online
This is always a vitally important thing to prioritise but as online learning is increasing it is more important than ever to make sure you are keeping a very careful watch on what your child is accessing. Our website has many quality resources, helps and tips to support you with this.

Maths Guides for Parents
I completely understand about the huge challenge you may be facing in trying to support your child with Home Learning. We are trying to think of ways to help support you with this as best we can. This week we have uploaded to the website some Maths Guidance documents (I also emailed them to everyone through Parent Pay) to show you the steps we use to teach Maths Calculations in school. I hope you find them useful. A big thank you to Miss Courtney, our Maths lead, for all her hard work in helping to put these together.

Emergency Assistance Grant Scheme
The Emergency Assistance Grant is to help support residents of the Preston area who do not have enough resources to meet the immediate short-term needs and who urgently require assistance with food and essentials items.
To be eligible, you must be:

- Aged 16 years or over
- A resident of the Preston area
- Experiencing financial hardship as a direct result of Covid-19 and not have enough resources to meet your immediate short-term needs
- On a low income or in receipt of one of the following benefits: Universal Credit, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Income Support, Pension Credit

Please contact school if you would like more details.



For the latest government Covid advice for parents and carers please see the link below:

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges](#)

Remember, there is a wealth of useful information, advice and guidance on Online Safety, Mental Health, Covid Health etc on our website

If your child is not currently coming into school, please let them know how much we miss them and pass on our love and prayers for them all.

Thank you for your support,
CM Seagrave