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Dear St Barnabas families,

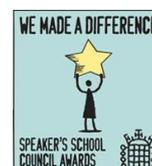
I am writing to update you on our school. As we have key workers as parents and carers in the school we have made the decision to stay open over the Easter weeks. **We were open today and will also open on Thursday 9th April, Friday 10th April, Thursday 16th April and Friday 17th April.** On these days we provide Community Care between 10.00am and 2.00pm for identified children and the children of key workers. If you believe that your job qualifies you as a key worker please contact the school on stbarnabasp@bristol-schools.uk and we will try to meet your child and family needs.

The Community Food Share will be open to families over Easter on Friday 10th April and Friday 17th April between 1.00pm-2.30pm. We are not open on the bank holiday Monday but will open again on Monday 20th April. Donations can be left between 9.00am-2.30pm on any day the school is open. Please use the East Grove (playground) gate to come into the school.

Last week we have distributed free school meal vouchers worth £45 per child to all families with free school meal eligible children, to last them over the Easter holiday. We expect to provide another voucher on the w/b Monday 20th April. If you believe your child should qualify for free school meals and you did not get a voucher then we would be happy to help you apply. **Mrs Kate Testo is available to help families on Thursday 9th April and Thursday 16th April. Please email the school in stbarnabasp@bristol-schools.uk to ask for an appointment.**

Teachers are providing School at Home learning packs and all families should have received 3 packs by email or in printed form collected from the school hall. **Learning Pack 4 will be distributed on Friday 17th April in the Community Food Share or by email.** Many families have asked that they receive the packs by email and our teachers are happy to do that. If you are not receiving packs by email please send your email to stbarnabasp@bristol-schools.uk

Our teachers are trying to call all families weekly to check on learning. We also have learning mentors and teaching assistants ringing families weekly to check that everyone in our families is OK and has what they need.



You will find advice to families on our school website:

Learning: School at Home gives more advice on supporting your child's learning at home.

Parents: Health gives more general advice on how to look after your family. We have loaded an extensive set of information today entitled:

Information for families, parents, carers and young people which has a comprehensive overview of support available in Bristol.

I will also continue to add the Doctors of the World advice on Covid-19 in our home languages.

Thank you to our parent Zara for providing a guide in Arabic on what food to buy/take from the Community Food Share to feed your family in hard times. That is on display in the Community Food Share and we will put a copy onto the school website.

I will try to write every few weeks to update families on school and any changes in what we are providing for you and your children. These will always be placed on the school website under **Parents: Letters to Parents**.

I wish all the families at our school well and urge you to follow the government guidance on social distancing wherever possible.

Best wishes and stay safe

Mr Jon Barr Headteacher