

### A message from the Head ...

I hope you are all well and continue to be looking after your loved ones in these challenging times. I know we will all continue to turn to each other in the days and weeks ahead. I want to say a huge 'thank you' for all the kind and supportive emails I have received over the past couple of weeks. It really is appreciated and provides us all with a great deal of hope and strength. As you will note below, we have been busy providing a childcare service at Brindishe Green for our families who are keyworkers. You are all in our thoughts keeping the country going. Please be kind to yourselves and each other. Please keep in touch and I wish you all the very best for the Easter holidays. Stay safe everyone and remember the government guidance!

### Guidance on coronavirus (COVID-19) ...

The most common symptoms of are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres away (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Do not meet others, even friends or family

Please remember you can spread the virus even if you do not have symptoms.

### Itslearning...

Today will be the last day of online home learning before the Easter break. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. We have received overwhelmingly positive comments regarding accessibility to the portal and the quality of work available for your child. Thank you to those parents and carers who have contacted us regarding questions regarding Itslearning. We will continue to answer them once home learning resumes on **Tuesday the 21st April**.

### School Closure...

The school's emergency childcare provision will continue to run for the families of critical workers and vulnerable children during the Easter holiday. We emphasise that this should only be used where there is no other alternative option. Our hours will be from 7.45am until 6pm. Please contact the Brindishe Green school office if you have not already done so.

### Free School Meals...

Please follow the link below and make an application for Free School Meals. If a decision comes back and you are entitled to a FSM, you will receive vouchers to support your shopping bills for your children:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/my services/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

If you need any additional support with completing the application, please email

[info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk). Given the current circumstances, even if you think you don't qualify - please try.

Should you find you are not eligible for the government scheme but are experiencing hardship, please contact the school on [info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk)

## Email scam...



## Keeping safe...

While school is closed, should you have any safeguarding concerns, please call Lewisham Social Care on 0208 314 8666, the Lewisham Multi-agency Safeguarding hub on 0208 314 6000, or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

[Contact info@...](#)

We wish you all the very best and please stay safe over the Easter holiday period. Look after yourselves and each other. Brindishe Schools is one community and we are there for each other.