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Dear Abbeys' Families

School Newsletter: January 2021

Welcome to the January 2021 Newsletter. With the implementation of another national lockdown, we are all once again facing significant restrictions, including school closures. This has meant that we have moved to remote learning for all but vulnerable pupils and children of keyworkers. Use of Google Classroom is monitored, with its range of live learning and other activities. You will be contacted if this isn't happening, to see if there is any support we can offer, as the expectation for primary school pupils is for an average of three hours learning to be completed each day. We have organised loans of laptops and Chromebooks where needed, and are awaiting more to be delivered. Please contact the School Office for further information about this or any aspect of remote learning.

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

If your circumstances have changed, or you have never applied, please check whether your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. You can apply for free school meals if you receive one of these:

- Income Support.
- Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based).
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and you are within the Inland Revenue limits for your annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exc
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.
- The 'Guaranteed Element' of Pension Credit
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance benefit

It is quick and easy to apply and, even if you don't wish to take up school meals at present, do still apply, as part of the school's funding is based on the number of children registered for free lunches. Also, during school closures, free school meal-eligible children are entitled to receive food or shopping vouchers to help out while they are unable to have their lunch at school.

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Please keep up to date by visiting our website: www.abbeyprimary.org

We aim to keep everybody up to date about what's going on at Abbeys. This includes publishing dates and information on our website, as well as letters, newsletters and reminder texts home. To save families the cost of a phone call with enquiries, I would like to encourage you to check the website first if you have a query. Being able to issue text messages is also really useful, so **please make sure we have your most up to date mobile number—thanks!**

Best wishes

Mrs Sophie Good
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Finally, thank you for all you are doing at home to support your child's learning. We hope to see everyone again before too long.

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SAVE LIVES