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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are well and that you were able to enjoy a happy and peaceful Easter holiday. Under the current circumstances, it can be difficult to keep track of days and weeks as the rhythm of life has changed so markedly, but today is the first day of the summer term. For those of us in school today, it has been an oddly quiet start to the term; we all eagerly anticipate the day when we are able to fully re-open our doors and welcome the children back in!

School Opening Many of you will have read reports in this weekend's newspapers about plans for schools to re-open in a few weeks. However, the government position is that no decision has been made on a timetable for re-opening schools and that schools will only re-open when the scientific advice indicates that it is right to do so. We are continuously monitoring government updates and are ready to re-open fully when we are able to do so.

Free School Meals Families who are usually entitled to Free School Meals have been receiving vouchers over the past few weeks. From today, the vouchers are being replaced by an online system; if this applies to you then you should receive an email today. If you think that your child might be entitled to Free School Meals, please email the office with your name, date of birth and National Insurance number. All correspondences will be treated in strict confidence. The links below provide more details:

[Plans set out to support pupils eligible for free school meals](#)

[Oxfordshire County Council Free School Meals Information](#)

New 24/7 mental health helpline launched A 24/7 mental health helpline has been launched by Oxford Health to take pressure off NHS111. With support from Oxfordshire Mind, it will operate during the coronavirus pandemic to provide people with specialist mental health care as NHS111 receives an increasing number of COVID-19 related calls. The round-the-clock helpline will make it quicker and easier for people to get the right advice they need for their mental health and wellbeing. Like NHS111, people can call when they need to find out when and where to get help and to access support from mental health professionals.

- For adults the number is 01865 904997.
- For children and young people the number is 01865 904998

People who already use mental health services should contact services directly using the numbers in their care plan.

Online Learning Assignments will now be posted at 7.00pm the evening before they are due to be completed by the children. This gives parents the opportunity to print and prepare resources in readiness for the next day. The 'deadline' for tasks remains at 4.00pm; please remember that this is just a guide and is set to prevent children working too late into the evening. I would also like to remind you that the teachers understand that your child may not be able to complete every single task set due to time constraints and the sharing of devices; we do not wish to add stress to what is already a very challenging time for all families. If you are looking for further resources to support your child's learning at home, then please follow the link below:

[List of Online Educational Resources for Home Education](#)

The teachers are all very excited that term has started and that they are working with the children again, albeit remotely. We hope that the children enjoy their home learning tasks this week. As always, please email any queries about home learning to homelearning@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Veness', written in a cursive style.

James Veness