



Dear Parents/Carers

Newsletter (32) – 15th January 2021

As we approach the end of the second week of term and lockdown (it feels like more than that!) it is pleasing to report how well the online lessons are going in general. Thank you for all the feedback, which is being shared with staff. We will continue to find ways to do things better but it has been a very positive start. We had some internet issues in school this week. These are being resolved, but if we have any more interruptions to lessons, we will always post a message on our website and keep it updated. This only affected teachers and students who were in school and the majority of lessons continued as normal.

Years 11 and 13 will be a key focus next week nationally, but food has been in the news a lot this week. I can assure parents that we are not involved with the companies that have been in the spotlight this week. The number of people wanting school food is so low now that we are having to move fully to a voucher system for Free School Meals and packed lunches for Real School. This worked very well last year. The notices below explain more.

Restaurant Closure – week commencing Monday 18th January 2021

We have reluctantly taken the decision to close the school restaurant from Monday 18th January 2021 whilst we continue to be in lockdown, due to lack of demand. If your child will be in Real School from this date onwards, please can you ensure that they bring a packed lunch with them. If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal and is attending Real School you will now receive a voucher for the whole week, which can be used in a shop of your choosing to cover the cost of a packed lunch to bring in from home. If you have not used the voucher system before, you will receive an email with the information on how it works. Families have said it works very well but please do contact the school office for help.

Support for Families – Message from Mr Bonsell

I hope you and your family are keeping well at this really difficult time.

I have been approached by a local group whose members want to support families for whom this latest lockdown is proving really challenging. They are putting together food parcels containing fresh and tinned produce over the next week. Wood Green is acting as a "distribution hub" for any families who would like to take this offer up. If you would like to take the offer up please email me at school on m.bonsell@wgswitney.org.uk. All enquiries will be treated sensitively and the group which is providing the parcels will not have access to any personal data.

If you can email me by 5pm on Monday January 18th I can then send information to the group. I will then contact you personally to advise on distribution.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Shadbolt
Headteacher