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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you of our plans for the remainder of the summer term, very different to my usual letters of this time of year, and I'm sure you'll agree it is still very sad that the usual end of year events will not be happening. However in the scheme of things it is a long time until September and we live in hope that we will be able to return with some kind of normality by then.

It is very hard to say that we have reached the point in school where we no longer have spaces to accommodate other children returning to school in order to keep everyone safe and follow essential health and safety. However if you are a key worker and find yourself in need of child care, it may be that some families can share their places and I would be able to contact them and arrange this, so please get in touch if you need us.

Offer of Materials & Books

For those of you whose children are not back in school, we appreciate that this has gone on for a long time now and you must not only be pretty fed up with home schooling but maybe running short of books, paper, pencils or would like some work printing out as a change from screens. If you would like this for your family, please could you let your class teacher know and we will be happy to arrange either drop offs or collections in the safest way we can.

End of Year Reports

The teachers are currently writing our End of Year Reports to send home to you at the end of the school year. Obviously, they will be a little bit different this year as we haven't seen your children since the end of March and it would be very unfair to judge people on home schooling due to every family being different and how you have all approached home schooling in a way that suits your needs. The reports will be posted to you on the last week of the school term, so if you have moved house prior to or during lock down and your address has changed please let us know.

Residentials

You are also aware that sadly our residentials could not take place this year. If your child is in Class 3 or Class 4 and you had paid for this trip, Mrs McKeating is currently sorting out refunds for you. This will come in the form of a cheque posted to your house, again if you think we have an incorrect address for you in school then please let us know at admin@brigham.cumbria.sch.uk



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Music fees

A few people have paid music fees for instrument lessons for the whole year, these people will also receive a refund for the summer term. Again Mrs McKeating will be issuing cheques shortly. If you have any queries about music fees please email Mrs McKeating admin@brigham.cumbria.sch.uk

At this present moment we are unsure about what will happen with music lessons in the autumn term, hopefully these will be able to run as normal so Mrs McKeating will also be sending letters to you asking if your child wishes to continue, or if they are moving into Year 3 whether they would like to start instrument lessons in school.

Dinner Money

Our records show that some people owe dinner money from before school closure, you will have received an email asking for this to be paid as soon as possible. If you are struggling to pay, please get in touch so we can help you with this.

Some of you are also in credit with school dinner payments these will be carried over to September unless your child is a Year 6 where you will receive a cheque refund. For any queries over dinner payments please contact Mrs Coulson at katy@brigham.cumbria.sch.uk

Free school Meals

Throughout closure some families have been receiving supermarket vouchers instead of their child having their usual school meal. This is different to Infant Free School Meals and it is my understanding that this will now continue over the summer holidays. If your circumstances have changed eg you may have lost your job as a result of Lock down or know that you are likely to lose your job, it may be that you are entitled to Free School Meals even if your child is not in school. Equally if your child is currently in Year 2 and receives free infant dinners you may qualify for free school meals as they move into Juniors. I have attached a link with information so you can ring and find out if you are entitled for any help with dinners and uniform costs.

As always, if you need anything at all please get in touch with either myself or your class teachers and we will be happy to help where we can. We are enjoying seeing all the great things you are doing at home and I hope your children are enjoying their phone calls too.

Yours sincerely

LJ Hemingway

Mrs L J Hemingway
Headteacher



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