



**IF YOUR CHILD HAS COME INTO SCHOOL AS EITHER A CHILD OF A KEYWORKER OR VULNERABLE CHILD AND YOU RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT WITHIN YOUR FAMILY PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY**

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and staying positive during these continuing tricky times. Everybody is different and deals with events like this in different ways but it is often during times like this that communities come together and support one another. I like to think of Vallis as a small community and if we look out for each other, then we will come out of this stronger. I have seen and heard of many examples of this over the last nine months and it is heartening and reassuring.

I would like to apologise for the continual and changing schools meals provision – government policy keeps changing and we have to react to this in often a short space of time. Due to a number of unforeseen events, we were left last week with no sandwich/lunch provision – I was even thinking of getting my apron out and making them myself but then I didn't want to add to the problems with my culinary skills! We did send an email out last week regarding the children in school and who are in EYFS, Year 1 and 2. We are very happy to provide vouchers to help you in providing a lunch while we are not able to give them one ourselves – so if your child is currently in one of these year groups and is in school at the moment, please contact the office and they will take your details.

Feedback, good and bad, is always key to making improvements and moving forward in all walks of life and I would like to think at Vallis we are always listening. Thanks to all of you that have emailed or phoned in with comments and feedback regarding how we are doing. Teachers are working very hard at the moment in trying to adapt and prepare learning for online whilst also teaching the children in school and this is quite a juggling act. We are aware of the amount of screen time some children are now having and we will be trying to plan in activities and some days where there is little requirement for the children to be on their laptops or tablets.

Please note that we will be closed to all children as normal during the half term week.

Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes.

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 Headteacher