

# Harleston C.E. Primary Academy

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**Interim Headteacher: Mrs M Foreman**

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Dear Parents,

It has been a pleasure to catch up with some of the brilliant things children have been doing at home while you support their learning. Our use of Google Classroom has developed a great deal as both pupils and teachers have found new and improved ways of staying in touch and sharing learning.

Although we have now reached the Easter Holiday and no new learning ideas will be set until 20th April, the Classroom will remain open for business if children choose to carry on. Teachers will not be replying to any posts or emails during the Easter holiday as they need a break ready to carry on with setting work through the Classroom after the holiday ends.

Much as we would all love to be back to school as usual after the holiday, sadly, children will still be doing their learning at home and the school building itself only open to the children of key workers who have booked their place.

Our school office can be contacted via email throughout the holiday if you want to book a child care place and you are a key worker who has signed up for a place previously - please contact us via ([office@harleston.stbenets.org](mailto:office@harleston.stbenets.org)). If your employment has changed and you are now a key worker requiring childcare, please contact the school office so that you can complete your application form. By doing this we can check with your employer that you are eligible for a childcare place. You will be contacted about booking childcare a week in advance.

This week the government has made an announcement about free school meals and the national e voucher scheme.

In accordance with the government guidelines announced on 31st March:

- Schools which are open for children of critical workers and vulnerable children are providing meal options for staff and children in school
- This includes Free School Meals for those children who would usually have them. This will continue until the end of this term and start again at the start of the summer term on April 20th.

At Harleston Primary Academy and Archbishop Sancroft High School we have both agreed that, as we are open and able to provide eligible families with food hampers - at the primary school this will be through our catering provider, Edwards and Blake. These will be available for collection from school every Monday afternoon after 12.00 noon. For any family that is self-isolating or unable to collect the hamper, please contact the school office where we will try to make alternative arrangements for you. Details of how food hampers can be booked will follow once we have confirmed our final arrangements.

Our safeguarding team will continue to work during the Easter holidays and will complete welfare checks with some families, just as we have done throughout the period of closure. This is to support you in a time where many families are experiencing considerable stress and pressure.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or worries, or simply want to speak to someone, please contact the school office by phone or email and someone from the safeguarding team will get back to you.

It just remains for me to wish you all a peaceful and healthy Easter. Stay safe and well.

With my thanks for your continued support for the staff and children at the school.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M.C. Foreman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a smaller 'C'.

**Mary Foreman**  
Interim Headteacher