



Tudor Grange Primary Academy
Meon Vale

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Dear parent/carer,

I hope you are all keeping well and settling into a new way of life and working. I know that a lot of parents will be feeling the pressure at the moment but I just wanted to reassure you that there is no right or wrong way at the moment; we all need time to adapt. It's important to take time out for yourself too and there has been some really useful guidance sent out recently. Rather than constantly sending you updates and this becoming overwhelming, I update our information page regularly with any new guidance so do check here for updates too.

There has been press over the fraud targeting of children in FSM and on the back of this we sent a text to parents last weekend. The DfE has warned that fraudsters are targeting parents of children eligible for free school meals. Families have received an email requesting their bank details, claiming this will enable their children to continue receiving meals through school closures amid the COVID-19 pandemic. DfE issued a notice, urging parents to delete the scam email immediately.

The school has issued all FSM parents with food parcels and we will shortly be issuing additional vouchers and our food voucher scheme. Further details will follow on this shortly but in the meantime do let us know via email or phone if you require immediate help. We are also a referrer for the local food bank so we can help with this too.

For those with children with asthma, Asthma UK published the following shielding advice yesterday, which I think is helpful clarification.

"If you are, or your child is, taking:

- Any biologic therapy, also called a mAb (Xolair/omalizumab, Nucala/mepolizumab, Cinqaero/reslizumab, Fasenna/benralizumab)
- Steroid tablets or liquid every day
- Antibiotic tablets or liquid for asthma every week (e.g. azithromycin)
- Tiotropium
- A combination inhaler that also contains a long-acting bronchodilator (e.g. Seretide, Fostair, Symbicort) at a high daily steroid dose (see the listin the article)
- An inhaler with a high daily steroid dose (see the list....in the article) AND you are taking Montelukast



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Or, if:

- You have been admitted to hospital for your asthma in the last 12 months
- You have ever been admitted to an intensive care unit for your asthma

Then you should follow the shielding advice which is set out in very helpful detail, including how to register for extra services from the government.”

As mentioned previously, any new information and guidance that I receive I will signpost on our Coronavirus Information page.

I know that things may seem unsettled at the moment but we will all reach a ‘new normal’ at some point where we can take stock and of course there will be an end to the pandemic. It is important during these time that we work even closer as a school and community. I have been so proud and impressed by our students to date with the amount of work and it has been lovely to see your photos! We will continue to send out celebration photos to keep the positivity going so do look out for these on our facebook and twitter pages. There will also be a film sent out shortly that we are working on to brighten your day!

Remember that we are all still here for you and you only need to call or email. I am so proud of everyone within our community at the moment and I couldn’t be prouder to serve the community.

Keep in touch and keep safe

Regards

Mrs J Bolter

Principal Tudor Grange Primary Academy Meon Vale