

3rd April 2020

Week 2 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope the children, you and your wider families are well and keeping safe. We are now into week two of the school being partially closed and it continues to feel very strange.

There has not yet been any announcement about whether or not school closures will continue after Easter. However, we have good reason to believe that school will remain closed to all but the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils. You should assume that school will remain closed unless you hear otherwise from us. If school does remain closed, we will continue to provide remote learning opportunities for our children.

I'm proud to report that the school continues to run for a small number of key workers. Thank you for your continued kind messages and for sharing all the wonderful activities you are doing at home with your children. I appreciate it is an emotionally, physically, socially and financially difficult time for all. If you need any help or advice, then please remember you are not on your own. There is support out there and Dame Janet are only a phone call away.

We are pleased to be able to now offer food vouchers throughout the Easter break - if your child is entitled to Free School Meals. This has been funded by the school. The vouchers are only available to children who are entitled to Free School Meals (Not Infant free school meals). You would have needed to have applied in the past for Free School Meals, through the school to KCC. If you have Facebook, and haven't done so already, then please go onto the school page and follow the link to complete a form – we will then contact you. If you haven't got Facebook, then please phone or email the school for advice.

We are continuing to develop our school website. Please use this link to find a number of resources to use <https://www.damejanet-tkat.org/coronavirus-information>. We have now rearranged the resources into year groups so it is easier to navigate. We will not be adding any new resources over the Easter break but I have asked teachers to send new links and online work packs to our marketing manager for after the holiday.

This will be my last update this side of Easter. I will write to you all again in a couple of weeks' time with a further update. On behalf of everyone at Dame Janet, I wish you a restful and hopeful Easter. In the meantime, keep following government advice, stay safe and take care.

Mr Marshall
Head of School



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