

# Rounds Green Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I hope that this email finds you and your families well. This is a very uncertain time that we are currently living in but I wanted to stay in touch with you and let you know that we are still here to support you if you need it.

Please tell the children that school is very quiet without them and that all of the staff miss them and we can't wait to welcome everyone safely back into school, whenever that may be. A children's guide to Coronavirus has also been uploaded to the website as we appreciate that the children will have lots of questions about this pandemic and so hope that this is useful.

I hope that the paper learning packs are keeping the children occupied. We are regularly updating our website <http://www.roundsgreen.sandwell.sch.uk/> with more links and activities for you. We are also going to be setting some challenges for the children (more about that later in the letter).

I do appreciate the temptation for children to spend longer on electronic devices. However, I would strongly recommend limiting screen time and now more than ever, we all need to be aware of keeping children safe online.

CEOP have produced a package to help you support children. You can sign up to receive a fortnightly #OnlineSafetyAtHome email with new home activity packs to share with parents and carers. These activities are suitable for children from age 5 to 14.

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

## Children entitled to Free School Meals

So far, we have been providing weekly food hampers to children eligible for Free School Meals. Parents have been collecting these and staff have also been helping to deliver these where parents are not able to leave the house. Thank you so much to those parents who have been grateful for this support and we do hope that it has been helpful. Unfortunately, the Government is not funding this provision for over the 2 week Easter break (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April) and so there will be no FSM provision during this time.

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The Government has now launched a voucher scheme and we have sent a text and email to all parents who are currently eligible for FSM. Please reply to this by tomorrow morning (Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am) to enable us to set this up or there may be a delay with your voucher. We have over 100 children who are eligible and therefore there is a lot of admin work involved in setting this up.

### Challenge from Mrs Bovan

Dear Children and Parents,

I am really missing sharing music with you all whilst we are not at school so I thought it would be a fantastic idea if you could share some music with me. I would like you to spend some of your time displaying your musical flair by composing your own piece of music. You can do this by accessing the following link:

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/>

This is a brilliant resource that is easy to use and enables you to compose your own song by clicking the boxes, showing the notes as coloured blocks. You can change the sound of the instrument you are using, change the speed by altering the tempo and even input chords (notes played at the same time). For those of you who consider yourself budding singers, you can even record yourself singing and place it into your song!

I am so excited to hear the music you have created. You can send me your music by either copying the link the website gives you when you save your composition, or downloading it as a midi file and forwarding me the attachment. Please send your music to [6B@roundsgreen.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:6B@roundsgreen.sandwell.sch.uk) ensuring you have included your full name and class.

There will be prizes available for those children who have displayed excellent musical talent and those who have displayed a great deal of effort in their compositions.

Happy composing! I am very much looking forward to receiving your compositions and hope we can all celebrate together in our music-making when we return to school.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Bovan

*Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.*

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## Contacting us

We will continue to be open to provide childcare to children of keyworkers and vulnerable children, where they cannot be safely cared for at home. School provision should only be used as a last resort to ensure that as many people as possible can stay at home.

Staff are working on a rota basis but you can still contact your child's class teacher on the email address on the school website. I would encourage you to use that so that you can let your child's teacher know how they are getting on.

There will be staff on site throughout the Easter break (apart from the bank holidays). I would, at this stage, like to express my thanks to the staff who are being so flexible and supportive and have turned themselves to lots of different things, often at short notice, as we receive further guidance from the Government, whilst at the same time, I know are worried about their own families.

We do appreciate that this is a very difficult time for everyone as many people have lost their jobs and families are spending a lot more time together, without being able to get out much. Please contact us if you think that we may be able to help or if not, we may be able to signpost you to other services.

Please take care of each other and stay safe.

Best wishes,

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