



FAMILY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2 2020

Dear Families

I am writing to you at the end of another extraordinary two weeks. I hope that this letter finds you all well in your own homes and to remind you that if you have any worries or concerns you can contact school on:

Office email	office@granta.cambs.sch.uk
Welfare email	welfareandsafeguarding@granta.cambs.sch.uk
Office phone	01223 896890

You will know from the news that lockdown including general school closure will last for another three weeks. We know that lockdown is causing stress across our community, in many households, and so thank you for staying in touch with your child's teacher by phone and email; it will help us to be able to help you.

Our website is being continually updated, not only with child focussed ideas and activities but also signposts for help and support. Please do continue to look at it regularly.

Some main points from over the Easter weeks:

If your child receives **free school meals** then vouchers continued over Easter and will again be issued next week. We are continuing to use the system already set up and will move over to the central government vouchers in the next few weeks. Do not worry. We will explain how it works when we move over.

If your circumstances have changed then applications for free school meals (and other costs which can be met from pupil premium) are still open: details on our website or by contacting school. We urge you to make contact if you think your child might be eligible.

Our website has some very helpful items from NHS including a very clear guide about child symptoms and when to seek more urgent help.

If your child has not yet had their **annual review** then we will be in touch soon about how to achieve that with and for you. We are waiting for additional guidance about our usual end of year reports : at this point it seems likely we will not be producing those this year and so if you have any specific questions about subject progress please let your child's teacher know when they make their regular contact with you. Our exam leads are busy monitoring advice from exam organisations in respect of qualifications and assessments and we will send out separate letters to those students and families later this term when details are known.

I have been sent the following helpful links to include in this newsletter for you :

[Cambridgeshire Local Offer SEND Coronavirus \(Covid 19\) webpage](#)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/search/?query=CORONAVIRUS>

<https://www.gingerbread.org.uk/coronavirus/>

And finally.....

I am delighted to finish this newsletter by sharing that we will be joined by a new facilities site manager next week to lead our site and cleaning teams who continue to do such a great job. Cleaners are some of the unsung heroes of all our public buildings especially at this time so I want to end this newsletter by saying a huge thank you not just to our class staff, but to our cleaners, our site team, our office staff and our cooks and lunchtime assistants. Fantastic and committed Key workers, each and every one.

Kind regards
Lucie