

Wednesday 25th March 2020



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you, your children and families are keeping well and adjusting to this very different way of living. For children who were not in school last Friday, we have now sent their learning packs by post to you, in light of the new expectations about staying at home. If you need any help, support or advice, please do email the school, and we will do our very best to help you. After the Easter holiday, you will be able to contact teachers directly for support and advice too.

I have been informed by the Trust this afternoon that Free School Meal vouchers will be with you soon.

Every teacher has tried to make contact, by phone, with every family over the last two days. If you have not been contacted, please can you email the office: admin@placefarm.org.uk with the best contact phone number to reach you on. Our teachers will be withholding their numbers when they call you, as they are working from home. They will want to make contact with you at least once a week. If we do not have the most up to date number to contact you, please do let us know.

Every parent should receive a letter this afternoon from Mrs McConnell and Mr Wade, who are overseeing the Place Farm Virtual School provision, and for Key Workers you should also receive another letter, both with useful updates and information. There are some very exciting things being planned for teaching in the summer term, e.g. YouTube videos, sharing resources and giving feedback to pupils on DoJo, as well as teachers reading stories to their year groups, virtually. We are also working with all schools in the Trust to share best practice with teaching and learning resources.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Sendall
Headteacher

Below is some information from the Music Service

Online lessons - Instrumental & Vocal Tuition (IVT)

Our tutors are commencing in-house trials of Skype and other forms of online learning delivery, with a view to reinstating some of our Instrumental and Vocal Tuition (IVT) provision over the coming weeks.

To help us manage this significant organisational change, we ask that students and parents help by following us on social media and the web, rather than contacting us directly. Staff are now working remotely, making it impractical to respond to high levels of individual requests. Announcements will be made as activities become available, via the links below:

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- Instagram [@suffolk_musichub](#)
- Suffolk Music Hub website www.suffolkmusichub.co.uk