

Newsletter

25th March 2020

School arrangements and keyworkers

Thank you all for your support and kind words both last week and this. Many thanks also to families who have worked together to ensure that children who are entitled to be in school are only doing so when there is no other option. Having only small numbers of children in school at any one time is the best way of ensuring our children and staff remain safe.

Going forwards the situation regarding key workers is likely to be fluid. Some parents may find that their working roles change and they become key workers. Others may be applying for additional roles that are available if normal work opportunities cease. For some families, if both adults become key workers, you may require school provision. It is our intention to keep our school open to be there for those who really need us. If, in the coming weeks, you are in this position please complete the 'Key Worker Sign Up' sheet on the Newsletter section of the website and email it to head@newnham-st-peter.glouc.sch.uk.

Please let me know in advance if your child is coming into school: head@newnham-st-peter.glouc.sch.uk. This will avoid staff being called in when there are no children on site.

Due to the exceptional circumstances many key workers will be working over the Easter holidays. If you need school provision over the Easter holidays, please email me: head@newnham-st-peter.glouc.sch.uk.

Meals from Cater Cater

Cater Cater are providing meals for the school and village community. The meals are now available **from the school bike sheds from 12:30**. This is a self-serve collection with a few options to choose from. Please only touch the bag/bags that you are collecting and respect social distancing at all times.

These meals are available to any child or family member as well as any member of the community. You may wish to use this to support elderly relatives or neighbours who are self-isolating.

For children who are in reception to Year 2 or who are in receipt of Free school dinners (primary and secondary) these meals will be free of charge and you will not need to order them. For all others:

£2.30 for a child / older adult meal

£2.80 for a larger adult meal

Meals can be ordered through Cater Cater directly by telephoning **01452 527888** orders need to be placed by 2pm the day before.

Where possible Cater Cater will be following the school menu that was sent out this week. This may be subject to change at short notice due to the current issues with food supplies.

All food will be supplied in disposable containers and these do not need to be returned.

If you are self-isolating and have arranged for someone to collect the food for you, please let Cater Cater know when you phone through the order.

If you are self-isolating and have no one to collect food for you, please email Mrs Nolan head@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk and copy in joeknight@outlook.com

We will liaise with community volunteers to get the food to you.

If you are facing financial hardship and are short of food, please contact us that we can support you.

Communication

We are looking at as many different ways as possible to communicate with you, as well as emails from teachers a member of staff will be making telephone contact with you in the near future.

Facebook

Please follow our page on Facebook-Newnham St Peter's C of E Primary School and Pre-School. Each day, we are aiming to post a positive/uplifting comment or lockdown tip for parents. If you have something positive or a tip/idea you would like us to share with the school community, please email it to Mrs Broady, kbroady@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk. Make sure you state that you are happy for it to be shared on Facebook.

Work from School

Teachers will be updating the work at the end of this week. Thank you to everyone for the work that you have put in to supporting your children at home this week. It has been lovely to hear about what the children have been up to and I am especially impressed by the number of parents who have taken part in the Joe Wicks exercise challenge alongside their children. Please do make sure you are also making the most of the beautiful Spring weather and getting plenty of fresh air!

Take care,

Mrs Nolan

Community help hub launched to support residents

Gloucestershire's councils and partners have created a community help hub to connect local people who need help, with others who can provide the support they need.

As further measures are put in place to delay the spread of Covid-19, local people have already started to pull together to arrange help in their area for those who need it, but not everyone has existing connections.

In response, the council's across the county have come together with the police and health partners to create the hub to connect local people who need help, with individuals, groups and businesses who can provide the support they need.

The hub includes four forms:

- **'I can offer help'** – is for those who are able to support neighbours with tasks such as picking up prescriptions, shopping, dog walking and more.
- **'I need help'** – can be used by individuals to ask for support
- **'My neighbour needs help'** – may be used by people to request help on behalf of a neighbour, relative or friend who cannot access the internet themselves

- **'My business can help'** – will allow local businesses who may have skills and resources others could benefit from, to offer their help

People who cannot go online can register by phone on **01452 583519** Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5.00pm.

If you're part of an existing community group who can offer help locally, we'd still like you to register.

The information collected will be shared daily with the relevant local council who will connect people who can help each other, or if appropriate refer individuals to an existing service.



Help us to share details of the community help hub on social media using the hashtag **#GlosCommunity**
The [hub](#) includes an image for social media and a poster too.

The hub is accessible from every district council website, and from the county council's website at <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/helphub>

Please help us to share details of the community help hub so we can connect people who need support, with others who can provide it.

This week's value - Friendship