



Dear Parent/Carer

28 April 2020

IEB Update

The IEB last wrote to you in February when Mrs Butler was appointed as Headteacher but as you all know an awful lot has happened since then.

As we are all becoming used to living differently for now, a major change for us has been the closure of schools during the COVID 19 pandemic. It is of course necessary to help manage the spread of the disease but we appreciate how upsetting this has been for our school community.

In spite of this we can reassure you that the IEB continues to work to support the school's journey of improvement and have quickly established a positive working relationship with Mrs Butler who, along with Mrs Atkinson, is leading development strategies which will pick up pace once school re-opens.

Understandably, the IEB meeting scheduled for March 24 was postponed; therefore the minutes of the February meeting have not yet been formally approved and posted on the school website. However plans are in place for the IEB to meet 'virtually' on 6 May after which the minutes will be on the school website as normal.

This term school are focussing on Home Learning Projects. There was a great response to Week 1 Family Project with many sharing their projects; thank you for that. The current focus is 'the area we live in'.

The schools Facebook page is regularly updated with information for you, videos and pictures as well as fun activities for the children to access during the school closure.

Like other schools, we have had some issues with the Free School Meals voucher scheme and we are grateful for your patience. We are working daily to resolve this issue but as you are no doubt aware it is beyond our control.

School is still awaiting information from the providers of the cancelled residential regarding refunds. They will no doubt be overwhelmed with such requests. When the IEB meets in May it will need to look at this issue in some detail and decide next steps which will then be shared with affected families.

Teachers are continuing to ring their children every other week and it's clear they enjoy hearing from them about what they have been doing and to provide any advice and support where necessary.

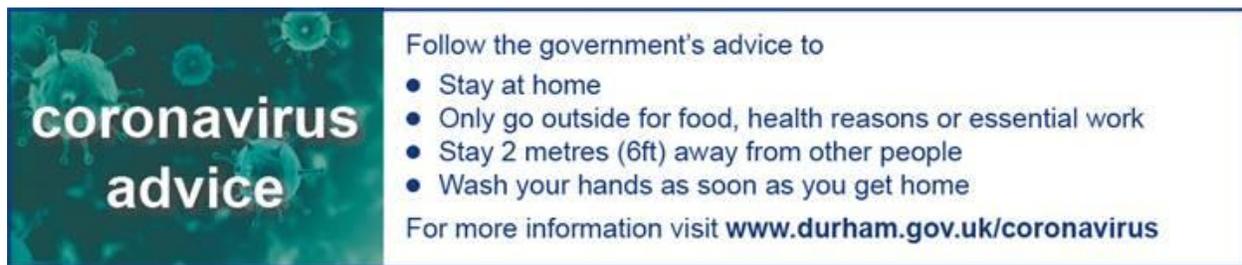
During these challenging times our staff are busy working either at school or remotely to support your children, to plan for future learning and to ensure the smooth running of the day-to-day school business.

The IEB would like to thank the staff working hard to keep school open for those children of key workers who need it and to our parents, carers and pupils who are supporting the school at this difficult time.

Keep well and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Interim Executive Board of Chester Le Street C.E. Primary School

A banner with a dark teal background on the left side featuring several stylized coronavirus particles. The text 'coronavirus advice' is written in white, with 'coronavirus' on the top line and 'advice' on the bottom line. To the right of this background, on a white background, is the text 'Follow the government's advice to' followed by a bulleted list of three items: 'Stay at home', 'Only go outside for food, health reasons or essential work', and 'Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people'. Below the list, it says 'Wash your hands as soon as you get home'. At the bottom of the white section, it says 'For more information visit www.durham.gov.uk/coronavirus'.

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