



Highfields Academy

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Good morning everyone,

There are a few important things to update and inform you of today.

Access to the school website:

You may have noticed that the website had a facelift recently. Unfortunately I think some of you and your pupils have had difficulties logging onto this as it is asking for a verification code. The code is **103076**

Free school meal vouchers:

A few weeks ago the government launched a scheme to support pupils entitled to free school meals. A website was set up to enable schools to download e-vouchers and distribute. Sadly this scheme has not worked as anticipated. Mrs Middleton has spent hours trying to get this to work without any success. For this week and next week we have sourced our own again from Sainburys. We will be posting out a voucher of £30 to cover this week and next week. During that time we will see if there are any other more flexible ways of doing this.

Laptops for pupils:

The government announced a scheme whereby laptops could be ordered to support vulnerable pupils in engaging with online learning. The criteria for this is pretty tight. Only pupils in Year 10 **or** have a social worker **and** currently do not have access to a computer and the internet are eligible. The deadline for me to apply for these is tomorrow so please contact me urgently if you feel that your child meets this criteria.

Children with Education Health Care Plans or are in the process of this:

In response to a request from the Parent Carer Forum, Cheshire East have set up a new email address for parent carers to make direct contact with the local authority in relation to support for their child with an EHCP at this time. The new email address is: EHCPCOVID19Schoolplaces@cheshireeast.gov.uk

May Day bank holiday and May half term holiday.

Next Friday (8th May) is a designated bank holiday and on Thursday 21st May we would have been closing for half term holiday. School will be open for both of these and will continue to operate in the same way we have been doing.

Take care everyone, stay in touch and keep safe.

Simon Dyson