



Learning and friendship go hand in hand

**Ringway Primary
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, I officially take over the reigns as Headteacher of Ringway Primary school, (never could I have imagined it would start off in the situation we are in today – it will certainly be a time I will never forget).

I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Scott. I love working at Ringway and have done so for fourteen years building a strong relationship with children, staff, parents/guardians and governors and I understand what is needed to take the school forward. We have an amazing staff team at Ringway who I know always go above and beyond to ensure your child achieves their very best. We all have so many new ideas we would like to implement but first, most importantly, we need to concentrate on keeping ourselves and our community safe. This is a challenging time for everyone and I sincerely hope you and your families are safe and well. I would personally like to thank you all for your continued support over the last few weeks.

Since we have been closed, we have used our school Facebook page and Class Dojo to keep you updated with any important information and direct you to any fun, useful resources. We will continue to do this and from today, we will be setting home learning tasks weekly for each child on Class Dojo. Class teachers will explain these further on the class pages so please make sure you check this regularly. We do not want you to feel burdened by this and would advise you spend just a short time each day working through these.

Critical key worker children

School remains open for children of critical key workers (please can you email school by Friday at the latest with your requirements for the following week). Schools are required to still register those children booked in and anyone who does not show up will still need to be reported to the appropriate channels. Therefore, if your child is booked in and is no longer going to attend, you must inform school. School will be following the social distancing guidelines as much as possible. Please do not bring children into school if they are showing any signs of being poorly and please only send your child into school if this is the last resort



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(and both parents are key workers). We need to work together to limit the amount of contact with each other, staff are working on a limited rota to protect ourselves and our own families.

Free school meals

In these challenging times there will be some parents whose income varies and may well pass the threshold for eligibility for their child to have free school meals. The Government are currently issuing supermarket vouchers to the value of £15 per week per eligible child.

We want to ensure that those families receive the support they are entitled to. You can apply online using the link below for Northumberland County Council Free School Meals or by calling 01670 623592.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>

If you need any help, advice or support over the next few weeks please do not hesitate to get in touch, there will be some staff in school each week day to speak to via telephone and all teachers can be contacted through Class Dojo. We will also be picking up emails from the school admin account (admin@guidepostringway.northumberland.sch.uk).

Please pass on our well wishes to the children and tell them we miss them all. We look forward to seeing what they are getting up to via our Facebook 'keep in touch page' or their Class Dojo portfolios.

Stay home, stay home and hopefully we'll see you all soon.

Kindest regards,

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