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Dear Parents and Carers,

If you are confused about the government's plans for schools then I am totally with you.

I get my information at the same time as you – from the news or from the ministers who stand at the Number 10 podium at 5 o'clock every day.

Free School Meals

We are continuing to provide free school meals to be collected from school for children who are entitled to them. This can be confusing because when we are working normally all infants get a free meal. This is called a Universal Free School Meal. To be entitled to a free school meal you will be in receipt of certain benefits. If you're not sure the offices have a list from the council and if you think you are entitled you can make a claim at any time.

As soon as we get the go ahead and the way to do it we will process the vouchers for the summer holidays. Bear with us, there is no information just yet.

Summer opening

We are starting to get phone calls about whether we are open during the summer holidays. Again, I have no more information than you have. I have listened to ministers say schools will not be open and I heard the prime minister say there would be a summer of catch up but I have no idea of what is planned. I do know however that we have worked throughout the lockdown and throughout the holidays so far and at some point schools will have to close. I know you join with me in praising and thanking the staff for their valiant efforts in carrying on with whatever they have been asked to do.

September

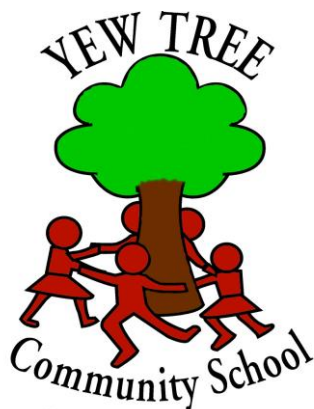
We are making plans to open as normal in September, taking into account catching up on the (nearly) 4 months of learning lots of children will have missed. Teachers and classes are sorted. We do not know whether we will be opening however, it will depend on government decisions.

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Home Learning

We continue to send out English, maths and topic work every Monday but fewer and fewer children are emailing their teachers. We understand that it's a slog, getting your children to engage, but if you can it will help them and it will help us to catch them up eventually.

If you let your teacher know about work for this week and next week there will be a small reward.

Children in School

The children who are in school now are doing really well. They are safe and in a routine and learning well. The staff are doing a great job.

I hope you are well and staying safe. It's getting more difficult to know what the rules are but be assured we are following the rules for schools as best as we can.

Yours sincerely,

Martine Buckley

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