

ASHFIELD VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents /Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well and coping during this difficult time. There are two main things that I need to tell you about:

- From Monday 6th April, The Local Authority have decided that our school site will close and so we will be running our school from Broadfield Primary's site. We will be sharing the site but staying completely separate from the Broadfield's pupils and staff. We will be working in one half of the building and Broadfield will be in the other half.
 - If you need to contact school from next week, please note that the school office will be open from 8.30 am – 11.30 am every day otherwise parents will need to ring Broadfield School and leave a message for Mrs Edge or Mrs McKenzie and we will get back to you as soon as possible.
- I am sure that you will have seen the news that the government is running a voucher scheme for eligible families. This is for pupils who have benefits related free school meals only. The vouchers will be made available to the adult with caring responsibilities for that child. For this to happen, we need to have an email address for the parent who will be redeeming the voucher. Currently, out of 47 eligible families, we only have 26 email addresses.
 - If you are an eligible family please contact school with an email address.
- Government guidance on the voucher scheme is available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance
- The voucher scheme will begin after the Easter holidays.
- Some families will now find themselves eligible to claim for Free School Meals. If your circumstances have recently changed, it might be a good idea to fill in an application form to see if you are now able to claim. The council's application form can be found at
- <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

Please remember that home learning links are available on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support and my very best wishes to you and your families.

Kindest regards
Mrs H Edge