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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of our families who have braved the move to Google Classroom and persisted with us to solve the small teething problems and some technical issues experienced by some families.

If you are still having any issues with logging in and using the Google Classroom platform, please let us know using the contacts below. We will help you solve the problems and get every family up and running. If you do not have a device that can access Google Classroom, please let us know via the school admin email.

The feedback from many families has been extremely positive overall and as things settle down and we all become more used to it, we will likely see this way of teaching and learning as another opportunity for us to further develop its use more widely.

Ms Pumfrey and the Leadership Teams in our schools

Here to Help - Contacting Us...

If you need to contact us, please use the following contacts:



What do you need help with?

Logging in to Google Classroom

ALL schools:

Email primaryreset@swecet.org

Stating child's full name (as on the register)

Year Group

Which primary school your child attends

General enquiries

School	Email Address
Chadwell Primary	admin@csm.swecet.org
Deneholm Primary	administrator@dps.swecet.org
Stifford Primary	admin@scp.swecet.org

Advice/Support with a learning issue

Chadwell St Mary	yearr@csm.swecet.org
	year1@csm.swecet.org
	year2@csm.swecet.org
	year3@csm.swecet.org
	year4@csm.swecet.org

	year5@csm.swecet.org
	year6@csm.swecet.org
Deneholm	yearr@dps.swecet.org
	year1@dps.swecet.org
	year2@dps.swecet.org
	year3@dps.swecet.org
	year4@dps.swecet.org
	year5@dps.swecet.org
	year6@dps.swecet.org
Stifford Clays	yearr@scp.swecet.org
	year1@scp.swecet.org
	year2@scp.swecet.org
	year3@scp.swecet.org
	year4@scp.swecet.org
	year5@scp.swecet.org
	year6@scp.swecet.org

Free School Meal Vouchers

Since the start of this term, the South West Essex Community Education Trust has issued Free School Meal Vouchers via a provider called Wonde, unlike many schools who opted for food parcels from their caterers. From Monday 18th January, the Trust is to continue with a voucher system although the voucher will be issued by Edenred, which is the Government's provider and the provider of vouchers in 2020. At any stage, if anyone has a question or needs help, please contact Peter Melville, the Trust's Chief Operating Officer via a dedicated email address fsm@swecet.org.



Google Classroom

If you are struggling with any aspect of Google Classroom there are guides at the end of this letter for ease of reference. Please do supervise your children when they are online.

Mrs Hedges, our Google Classroom lead, has also made two videos to help you to get started.

Laptop and Computer version:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nMxMCWpykkCFmI2d2mZmzmdmpUiD1bin/view?usp=sharing>



IPad and tablet version:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19006Rspf1Lyqc9wZYCfNv9764wMVOHRS/view?usp=sharing>



Big Garden Bird Watch

Between the 29th and 31st January, the RSPB are asking every household to spend an hour counting the birds you see in your garden or from your balcony, then tell the RSPB what you saw. It really is that simple!

[Sign up](#) for all you need to take part, including your free guide, help with identifying what you see and expert advice on feeding the birds.

RSPB experts from across the UK will be bringing you photos, footage and facts about the birds they see, as well as answering any questions you may have. In addition, there will be live quizzes, and familiar faces throughout the weekend – all set to make this the best Birdwatch ever!

For lots more information, brilliant photos and lots of activities to try go to:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/getinvolved/activities/birdwatch/>



Links for Learning

We are aware that parents might feel overwhelmed with the enormous number of websites being promoted on social media intended to “help” provide work. So each week, we will offer you a link or two that might be of interest to you to supplement the work we have provided.

Scholastic Books:

FREE Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler Home Learning Packs

Is your child a fan of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler’s wonderful picture books? Now you can download a range of home learning activity packs to complete as you read the books!

<https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/40114>



Access to free eBooks

If you need access to more reading books for your child, there are a range of eBooks available if you create a free parent account with Oxford Owl.

Simply go to <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>, scroll down to ‘Free E-Book Library’ and click on ‘browse eBooks’. If you click on any of the links on the page, you will be directed to where you can set up a free parent account. There are other resources available through this account should you wish to explore further.

News Links for Children

In school each week, teachers use a range of news stories to keep children aware of the wider world, interest them in what is happening and to develop their general knowledge and interest. While we are closed, you may wish to use these links with your children to read the stories together and to



discuss them. You can decide what is of interest to your child/ren but all are suitable for all ages.

Ridiculous, funny, happy and/or silly

Pi the whale is Christmas treat for Scilly islanders - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-55452865>

Octopus and eagle square off at Canadian fish farm - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-us-canada-50751898>

Birmingham 'memory cop' Andy Pope spots 2,000 suspects - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-55458847>

Sky News: Cat saved from being crushed at recycling centre in Russia

Read in Sky News:

https://apple.news/AnmXZGMvNR_CJMaKq_xPKcQ

PSHE – moral/debate/inclusion/wider world/British Values

E-scooters: What are the rules and can they be safer? - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/technology-55260838>

Over half of Chinese adults’ overweight, study finds - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-55428530>

Covid-19: 'Living with 50 people has been a blessing' - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-suffolk-53240662>

History

Italy seeks engineer to build new Colosseum floor - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-55422794>

Chipping Barnet shop reveals medieval surprise - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-55347261>

Geography

Bedfordshire flooding: More than 1,300 told to evacuate - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-55447801>

Giant iceberg A68a shatters into large fragments - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-55413969>

Conservation and Nature

Climate change: 700-year history of wind recorded in island mud - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-55260908>

World's ugliest orchid' tops list of new discoveries - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-55339987>

Science and Technology

Best Space Images of 2020

[Space images: The best of 2020 - BBC News](#)

NASA's Mars rover and the 'seven minutes of terror' - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-55413966>

Putting a jetpack to the test - BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/technology-55335458>



In School Provision

If you need to contact us regarding Key Worker provision places, the link

for the form to be completed is:

CSM - <https://forms.gle/TT6YYm6FTDPcFCfdA>

DPS - <https://forms.gle/5fwThzXQB4NxY8jr9>

SCP - <https://forms.gle/kkvn1iDDELUqnfq49>

Please email us if your child is on the registered list and is not attending on any day. Once accepted, if children do not attend, they must be marked absent.



Oak Academy

This is an online classroom made by teachers, for teachers. The free, high-quality video lessons and

resources are available throughout 2021.

Nearly 10,000 lessons and resources cover a wide range of subjects, from Early Years Foundation Stage to Year 11.

In the classroom, each lesson is an hour-long. They are delivered by a teacher, with a pre-recorded video as well as quizzes, worksheets and creative activities. It is easy to use, there is no login or password, you can access their lessons on any device, and pupils only need materials they can find at home. Click on: [Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](https://thenational.academy).



And finally something to keep the adults going...

As in our last period of lockdown, we are very aware of the pressures adults at home are facing. We thought it would be good to offer parents and carers something to keep you going...

Mindful Mix - The Sleeping Forecast - Float away to a place of tranquillity - BBC Sounds

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08k2n3g?xtor=CS8-1000-\[Discovery_Cards\]-\[Multi_Site\]-\[SL02\]-\[PS_SOUNDS~N~~Mindful_Mix](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08k2n3g?xtor=CS8-1000-[Discovery_Cards]-[Multi_Site]-[SL02]-[PS_SOUNDS~N~~Mindful_Mix)

This can be used with children too if you feel in the mood for sharing after a day of home schooling!

Our teachers recognise the new reality below and we thought we would share:

