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Dear Parents & Carers

What a start to 2021! I hope you were able to have a good Christmas break and enjoyed a rest with the people you live with. We would like to thank all our parents for their co-operation and support during such a difficult time for us all. We will get through this next phase of change because of the level of care and dedication of every member of staff, the support of our families and the resilience of our pupils.

Online Learning

All of the online learning is in place and appears to be working well for the majority of people, both at home and in school. Some staff members may find some aspects of the technology difficult and we ask that you please be patient with us whilst we tweak what works well and doesn't work so well; we are all learning together. If you have any queries with online learning, please email your class teacher using the class account.

CBBC, Oak Academy & Other Resources

CBBC are showing curriculum based programmes for three hours every weekday morning. The Oak Academy also have lessons available for you and these can be found at <https://www.thenational.academy/>

There is a list of different resources you can access on the school website under the Covid 19 support on the home page.

Offices

We have many members of staff working from home and/or on a rota basis and please be aware that not all offices will be manned in the same way, meaning we may not be able to answer telephone queries immediately. Please don't call repeatedly over and over, but do leave a message and someone will get back to you. Thank you.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed you may be eligible for Free School Meals (this is different from the universal free school meals that all children in years R, 1 & 2 are entitled to). You can check if you're eligible for this by using this link <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk> or contact the school email for a paper copy: All Saints: office@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk

Hapton: office@hapton.norfolk.sch.uk

St. Andrews: office@st-andrews-pri.norfolk.sch.uk

Families in Hardship & Needing Wider Support Including Technical Support

There is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support. Details of how you can access support is available at <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/covidwintersupport> or by calling 0344 800 8020.

Anyone experiencing hardship – and this includes gaining access to laptops – can also receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme. The easiest way to get in touch is to visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS or by calling 01603 223392 (Option 5). If the line is busy, a message can be left and a member of the team will call you back.

Family Voice: Let's Talk – About Keyworking

- Are you the parent of a child or young person with mental health needs, who also has ASD & a learning disability?
- Could a keyworker help you & your child avoid crisis?

Clare Angell – Senior Manager for Children, Young People & Maternity, NHS Norfolk & Waveney CCG

is working on a pilot scheme in Norfolk and is keen to hear the views of parent carers.

This is a real opportunity to influence services that could help families like yours. Email: office@familyvoice.org.uk for further information.

Clare says 'We like you are all parent carers and doing our best in the current circumstances'.