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WP/NEWS
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Every Child A Champion In Their Own Right Matthew 5.16 – 'Let Your Light Shine'

Hi Parents, COVID UPDATE...

I report again that there have been a number of parents who have reported family members having Covid symptoms and taking the appropriate speedy measures to keep their kiddie off school until test results are known.

Also, as I mentioned in a previous email, nothing certain as yet about arrangements for September.- June 21st seems to be the big day for the possible easing of social distancing measures etc but who knows? We have contingency plans for another lockdown if everything goes pear shaped and another strain of the Virus causes more problems. It is one short step at a time.

Obviously, we are also discussing, sharing ideas about what the 'new normal' may look like + timescale of formulating action plans etc.

September will be another time of change...again, please don't forget to ask me for any clarification of issues in the weeks/ months ahead rather than worry about gossip or Social Media stories. I will always keep you aware of developments....I will always seek parental views.

For example, my thanks to the parent who queried today about any possibility of hot dinners returning. I reminded her of our need to wait for those further Government Guidelines on social distancing. Some smaller schools may already decide to go for hot dinners but, again as explained in a previous email, we would have to have a separate setting for each Year Group - approx 20-30 mins allowed for eating then extra minutes to clean chairs/ tables before the next group is allowed in. This would mean starting at approx 11.00 with the last Year Group eating between 1.30 -2.00!!!!!! Not practical at our school (the last kids to eat would be starving!!!!). I urge people to please not to forget just how big a school we are.

Interestingly, I hear from other parents how much their kids are enjoying the present classroom lunches. Lots to consider. Please keep the queries coming in.

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LONE PARENT SUPPORT:- the following information came through recently...thought it may be of interest to some families:-

Lone Parent Support – also see attachment

Hello,

My name is Deborah and I work for The Opportunity Centre, formally known as Aspire-igen.

At The Opportunity Centre, we offer support with career planning and career coaching, job searching, training and distance/online learning, but we can also provide support on a wide range of other personal issues including: housing, debt and financial support, domestic violence, parenting, family and relationship issues and mental health concerns. Where more specialist support is required to tackle these barriers, we can work with appropriate partner agencies and refer where necessary.

The programme we are currently running is Lone Parent support (support that fits in with family commitments)

We are looking to support Lone Parents within the Hull boundary HU1 – HU9. Postcode areas checked on initial meet/phone call, as not all HU postcodes are eligible.

Eligibility

Must be resident within Hull City Council Boundary

Aged 16+ to any age

Unemployed

We can support those in receipt of benefit and those who are not in receipt of benefits

What does it Involve?

- One-to-one support from a mentor
- Access to computers and online courses to increase skills and confidence
- Help to get ready for work or volunteering
- Support writing CV's and cover letters
- Advice about training and courses

Benefits of the programme

- Personal support every step of the way
- Increased confidence using computers for everyday living
- Development of digital and employability Skills
- Flexibility to study in the Centre or at home
- Bus fare refunded within the HU1-HU9 postcode area

We also have funding available for a limited time, for online courses such as Food Hygiene, manual handling and COSHH, your clients would attend The Opportunity Centre to gain the skills to take the short courses, use our IT equipment to complete the qualification and receive their certification.

Please find our leaflets attached, if possible, would you be able to circulate amongst your lone parents or parent support groups, as this is a valuable service that can help change someone's life.

Please feel free to contact me with any queries or to make a referral.

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Thank you for taking the time in reading this e-mail.

Kind regards

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