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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you not too disheartened about the recent news, that schools might not open until May. We, like you are hoping that this is the worse-case scenario and that there will be good news soon. Home learning is difficult to manage, especially where parents are working from home, sharing devices or trying this with several children, please hang in there and do a little bit at a time. If your child is not using the loaned chromebook for school work, we will be contacting you next week to return this so another family can benefit.

Home learning packs can be collected each Monday from the school office after 11am. Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 have paper packs only and Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents have access to Tapestry. Please drop of completed packs to be marked. **Please wear a mask when coming into the main office to collect anything.**

### Staff Testing

We need to alert all parents of children in school that from tomorrow, staff will be testing themselves twice per week to test themselves for Covid-19. This process has been happening in high schools and special schools since 4<sup>th</sup> January. Where staff test positive, class groups or bubbles will need to close where there has been close contact and identified children and staff will have to isolate for 10 days. We will contact parents/carers of bubbles that need to isolate via text on Thursday evenings and Sunday evenings. Children and staff identified will not be able to attend school or leave their house until the isolation period ends. We need to keep everyone safe.

### Children's Mental Health Week is Next Week!

**On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, we are having a **'DRESS TO EXPRESS YOURSELF'** day. We would love **all** of our children (at home and at school) to express themselves through their clothes, hair etc. Children and adults can wear their favourite colour, favourite clothes or choose lots of different colours and materials to wear. This is a great opportunity for our children to express themselves through their clothes. We want our children who are at home learning to join in too- dress to express and send us a photograph through Facebook Messenger and tell us why you chose the outfit or style.





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### **Free School Meals Vouchers**

Edenred Vouchers have now been emailed out to our families who are not in school and are eligible for FSM, these will be emailed weekly to you until half term. If you are struggling to access these, please phone the office and let us know sooner rather than later as the website portal is soon to close and we will not be able to recover the vouchers for you. The government have now stated that vouchers WILL be allocated over half term. Children who are currently in school and who are eligible for FSM will be contacted to collect a voucher during the last week of this half term.

Minimising stress is absolutely vital in a time like this for mental health. Don't let school work be something that stresses you or your child. You are the primary educator and this is your call. Try to maintain your daily routines including bedtimes and wake up times as though your child was at school.

If you are in any difficulty or need to inform school about any changes or you or your household becomes ill, please text the school teachers2parents text line: **07786208446** or the school Facebook page via messenger: **Middleton St Mary's Primary School.**

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs N Wood, Headteacher.

