



Our value for January is Cooperation

It has been so lovely to see so much cooperation this week, both in school and at home. It has been great to see each other on the google meetings and still work together even though we can't be together. We know that many of you have sent in photographs of work that you have been completing at home and we have seen some great examples of families cooperating and working together. Thank you!



Remote and Blended Learning Strategy

We have updated our strategy to reflect the current situation. Please see <http://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/remote-education-plan-for-tiered-opening-of-catshill-first-school-nursery/> if you would like to read the full document.

Data

Do you need more data? If you are running low due to needing to be online more often, we have a number of sim cards with data available. These sim cards are free and will give you an extra 30GB of data. Please ring school to arrange to collect one.

Chromebooks

We have now allocated all of the chromebooks given to us by the Government. However, if access to technology is stopping your child from doing their learning, please let your child's class teacher know and we will do what we can.

Printing

We have tried to make sure that our online learning does not rely on you having a printer. If you need the work printing out and are able to collect it, send your child's class teacher a message via epraise and we will print off a pack for you.

Free School Meal Provision

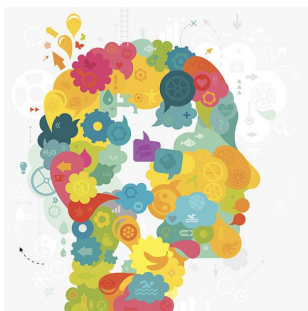
You may have seen in the news this week that the Government has now opted to revert to the voucher scheme for those children in receipt of Free School Meals instead of the lunch food hampers provided by school.

Parents of children who are entitled will automatically be contacted to arrange these vouchers from next week and you do not need to do anything further. If you have not heard anything towards the end of next week though please let us know.

If you are finding that your situation is still difficult please contact us and, in conjunction with Catshill Baptist Foodbank, we will try our best to help you.



Well Being



Now, more than ever, it is important to look after our mental health and remember to be kind to ourselves. [BBC Bitesize](#) has produced some great tips for getting through this new lockdown for you, your children and the whole family and also includes some great [animated videos](#) for when it all seems too overwhelming.

There is also advice for financial and debt help provided by Starting Well Partnership Worcestershire which can be found [here](#) on our website.



