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Dear Parents and Carers

More information from the local authority and government for you today. (Tomorrow there will be less serious information and include celebrations for St George's Day!).

Support for IT for families More advice has come in today regarding the IT support promised from the Government (which will include 4g dongles, a digital device and support for using the IT technology). This support will be for Year 10 pupils initially, and so will not be available for younger children at this point I am afraid. When this changes we will let you know. You may however wish to mention this information to any friends you have with Year 10 pupils.

Admissions to Middle School and Year R We are delighted that all our Year 4 children gained their requested place at Middle school and we are equally thrilled that all our children in Ducklings who wanted a place in Reception class have had these awarded too. As our usual transition arrangements will be a little bit different this year we will write to Year 4 and Year R Parents with details about transition early next week. Letters from school to confirm Nursery places will be sent to families by email this week. If you have a friend who has a child of Ducklings age next year do let them know we have a few afternoon and full time places available and if they contact Mrs Barnish by email they can register their child.

FSM changes to allocation There has been new guidance to schools today and if a family has an income with a maximum threshold of £7400 (£616/ week) they can now apply for FSM funding for a temporary period during this time. If you believe you have this entitlement, then please contact school and we will issue you with the form you need to complete and can explain how the FSM voucher system works to you.

SEND information regarding SEND reviews and assessments has come out from the Local Authority today and will be sent to Parents and Carers, for whom this information is relevant, by Mrs Hicks in a separate email.

Just in case you fancy something different for yourself! Adult Courses available now and more to come The Bedfordshire Employment and Skills Adult Learning team (BESS) has moved from the classroom, to online during the COVID-19 national emergency. Until a month ago, 90 per cent of adult learning operated as a face-to-face service, but since the lockdown we have reshaped how the service is delivered. Online and distance based courses currently include support with wellbeing and mental health, using IT to stay in touch and communicate with others, understanding children's mental health and challenging behaviour and preparing for employment. More courses will be added over the next few weeks. To see the courses available, for more information and to enrol visit the pages. The team also continues to provide a National Careers Service (NCS) for information, advice and guidance with finding work. To arrange one-to-one support please complete an [online form](#) and you will be contacted by an adviser.

Have a good evening, and if you can walk by to see the St. George's Dragon tomorrow it is up with a message or two for you and your children,
Jane Spencer, Head teacher.