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Dear Families

I hope you and your families remain well and safe.

It was a pleasure to welcome more pupils back into school this week and see them enjoying learning with their teachers and teaching assistants. We will be welcoming back more pupils over the coming weeks and Mrs Collins and Ms Raymond will let you have more details on Friday.

There are many hyperlinks in this letter, please click on them to get the full value from my letter.

Money Difficulties and Free School Meals (FSM)

I was delighted to read the news yesterday about the success of the Marcus Rashford's, free school meals and summer voucher campaign. Mrs Collins and Ms Raymond will be in touch with you in the next couple of weeks to let you know more about this. Many families now find themselves with money difficulties as a result of the pandemic. [If you think you are entitled](#) to Free School Meals, please apply [here](#).

If you would like more Money tips for parents on lockdown there is some more [advice here](#).

We also get additional funding for pupils who receive FSM to buy additional educational resources. I am campaigning for this money to be increased. I have already increased the funding for these pupils at Eastbury and now want the Government to give us more. If you would like support with buying any additional educational resources can you please let your child's teacher know what you need and we will try to help. If you need any books for the summer holiday, please let us know in the next 2 weeks.

Parents and families helping each other

I am very keen that we all share our tips and sources of support. If you have any good ideas or website links can you please forward them to Miss D.Dalrymple at dda@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk

We will collate them and include them in future letters and messages. I am extremely grateful for parents who have let me know about the following sources of support.

- [Five ways to build your child's resilience](#)
- [Six ways to support your children as lockdown eases](#)
- [Cartoon Video to help children and parents returning to school](#)

Planning for September

We are currently making plans for the new academic year and value your opinion. Can you please let me know of any areas of the school or systems that we could improve still further. If you have been unhappy with any aspect of the school and think we could do better can you also let me know. I would also like to know what you have appreciated so that we can continue to focus on this and make this even better.

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Day to day concerns

If you have any concerns that cannot be sorted out by a quick chat, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Collins, Ms Raymond or myself. In the rare event of a complaint, our policy and procedure can be found [here](#).



Thank you

I appreciate all the messages of support we have received over the past few weeks and if you would like my message and letters to contain more specific information please let me know. All of my previous messages can be found [here](#).

Can I also give a very public thank you to my neighbour's child who made me a face covering to ensure my journey to school is safe. This was a wonderful way of showing kindness and brought a tear to my eye. If you want to help someone who uses public transport you can find the guide to making face coverings [here](#).

Please stay safe.

Yours sincerely

David Dickson

Executive Headteacher