

## We're still here!

Welcome to our second daily newsletter. We will be uploading a newsletter to the school website each school day for as long as the school is closed. We want everyone to know that we are still here. We have already received some of your great home learning to share with everyone. If you need any general immediate advice or support please either call the school on **0161 205 3397** between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm or email to [familysupport@lilylane.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@lilylane.manchester.sch.uk)

## Greater Manchester Games

A special mention to all our Lily Lane athletes. Today we should have been competing in the Greater games at Sport City indoor arena. Our athletics squad were to represent Manchester and take on the 20 best primary schools from the 10 boroughs in Greater Manchester (nearly 1000 schools). We have got through to the final every year for the last 8 years and usually come first or second. We were all looking forward to the event. But don't worry we will be back and athletes if we don't compete this year, many of our Y6 children have continued to compete at secondary school. Ms Dragisic and Mrs Schofield say "Children of Lily Lane stay fit and healthy and keep practising your skills".



## The Big Draw

In the home learning pack, you will find information about the big draw. We are inviting all families with Y2 children upwards to take part in this (although younger children may like to take part.) We have attached the information about the big draw to this newsletter and is in children's home learning packs with the 20 pieces of A4 paper.

The big draw is not just for children! Adults are welcome to join in as well. Ms Cresswell has got us started with her picture from Day 1.

We look forward to seeing yours so please email send them to school year team e-mail.



## Home Learning

Lots of children have been extremely busy getting on with their home learning packs. Gracie in 4B has made a fantastic superhero using a tin and recyclable materials that she has found around her home. Ede in 1H has also been getting creative, producing some bright and colourful artwork. Well done Gracie and Ede.



## Phone calls home

Over the next few days your child's teacher will be making a brief call to say hello and you to give advice and information about home learning. Some teachers started making their calls yesterday. They reported back how much they enjoyed contacting families. More teachers will be ringing today and tomorrow. Please note if you receive a number unknown call it is quite likely from your child's teacher.

Dear Parents/Carers

## Replacement Free School Meal Scheme

Please only use this link as it will take you to where you need to apply for the Free School Meal payments.

[https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500361/coronavirus/7938/coronavirus\\_-\\_benefits\\_and\\_money/4](https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500361/coronavirus/7938/coronavirus_-_benefits_and_money/4)

Ensure that you read the eligibility on the webpage before applying.

### Coronavirus - Benefits and money

#### Help with food costs while schools are closed

Last updated 12.03pm, Wednesday 25 March

We want to ensure that all our children and young people have access to a lunchtime meal.

We have the following arrangements in place to support families during this period:

- [Free school meal pupils](#)
- Hardship support to families

Please read this information carefully before making application

#### Eligibility

- Children must be born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/04 to be eligible.
- Preschool and early years children are not eligible

Free school meal pupils - School age children who would normally receive a free school meal from the school

This is based on household income or due to being an asylum seeker.

Only if you are eligible; click on the link (Council's Welfare Provision Scheme)

income please make a claim for support.

**We cannot make a payment if your school has alternative arrangements in place.**

The contribution towards a lunchtime meal is £2.00 per day (£10 per week) for each school child or young person in the household.

We will be able to pay this money within a few days by the following methods

- A bank transfer into a nominated bank account
- A secure text message that can be used to access cash from a range of Paypoint outlets in the city
- A voucher that can be printed and can then be exchanged for cash from a range of Paypoint outlets in the city.

Parents can make an application please submit a request via the [Council's Welfare Provision Scheme](#).

The DfE have confirmed that schools will be reimbursed for the cost of provision of FSM prior to

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Apply for a Cash Grant.

https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/200008/benefits\_and\_support/6302/apply\_for\_a\_c

Apply for a cash grant if yo...

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If your application is successful, we'll email you a cash voucher that you'll need to print out (you can print it out for free at your local library). If you can't do this, you can collect it from our [Customer Service Centre](#).

You can use the voucher anywhere that has a 'Paypoint' terminal and will need to take an official letter or bill that confirms your name and address.

You apply for a cash grant through our 'welfare provision' scheme. You can only apply online and you will need to know your National Insurance number to apply. [See where you can use computers for free.](#)

**Apply for a cash grant through welfare provision**

[Advice if you can't get welfare provision](#)

Hope the above helps and thank you for your patience in this matter.

# **Free School Meal and hardship payment information**

## **FSM Pupil information-**

### **Children who would normally receive a free school meal from the school, based on household income or due to being an asylum seeker**

The government has advised that they expect to have a new scheme up and running in the near future. They intend to issue vouchers directly to families. This will not be up and running for a few weeks.

Because of this, Manchester City Council are making local arrangements to support families until the **national voucher scheme is in place**. Some schools are picking this up by providing lunches and vouchers and other schools have asked the Council to make payments on their behalf.

**Please note MCC cannot make a payment if your school has alternative arrangements in place. At Lily Lane we have a temporary local arrangement for the next few days to provide packed lunches on request. This does not affect parents making an application for vouchers from 23.3.20.**

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Parents can make an application, please submit a request via the Council's welfare Provision Scheme. [MCC On-line Application FSM Voucher](#)

## **Hardship:-**

### **To support to families facing hardship**

Because schools have closed and some families are facing additional financial challenges due to the Covid-19 virus, we want to provide support to families, who most need it.

We are providing a financial grant to parents and carers of the following groups of children and young people.

To qualify the family must be:

- a Manchester resident or supported by our Homelessness Service; and
- whose family has been hardest hit by the recent issues and may be waiting for benefits to be assessed or have a gap in their income due to being laid off etc.

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To make an application, families need to submit a request via the Council's Welfare Provision Scheme. [MCC Apply for cash grant if you are in financial crisis](#)

**Note:** costs of supporting families facing hardship will be met by the Local Authority, and will still be offered after the national voucher scheme for FSM is launched.

\*\* We are aware that some parents may be having difficulty logging on.

Unfortunately, the FSM link for parents/carers on the communication yesterday was incorrect, please see correct link below which is now up and running. MCC have sent their apologies for this.

[https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/200008/benefits\\_and\\_support/6302/apply-for-a-cash-grant-if-you-are-in-financial-crisis](https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/200008/benefits_and_support/6302/apply-for-a-cash-grant-if-you-are-in-financial-crisis)



Hello! I'm Emma Martin and I am an artist. Some of you might have worked with me before on BIG Art projects.

**I am the Schools Ambassador for the Big Draw and I have a project for you to do called 'Drawing Us Together'.** We can all work on it while we have to stay off school. When we reopen, your work can be displayed at school to celebrate us all getting back together. We will also be showing the work in some of Manchester's galleries and museums when they open up again, so we can share our art with the city!

So here is what I want you to do....

I have asked your school to give you some A4 paper. Fold it, then cut it in half, like in the picture below, so you have long strips.

Each day, draw a picture on a strip of the paper.

Your first picture is to be about how you feel missing school.

Some of you might be excited to spend time with your family, others might already be missing their friends or be a bit worried. However you feel, it is fine to draw about it.

It's good to share feelings.

When you have drawn your first picture, get a cardboard tube from inside a toilet roll. Wrap your first days work around the tube to store it. The next day add another drawing, sticking it onto the last one or just wrap it around. This way you will keep your work together and safe, but it will also keep it in order, almost like a diary.

Over the weeks our rolls will build up and get fatter with art! When you are all back at school it will be great fun to unwind them all and share experiences of our time away from school. You can follow my drawings and ideas on YouTube or just draw whatever you want. You could draw pictures of friends, families, feeling, your favourite films, songs, foods or places. You can draw real or imaginary things. You could create comic strips or illustrate stories, design a dream car or home. As long as you draw something everyday it can not be wrong.

You must have seen in the shops that toilet rolls are hard to find at the moment! This is because people got worried and bought lots. **But we need to keep calm, laugh, share, care and be creative at this time.** I thought it would be funny if we all make artwork that ends up looking like toilet rolls! It is good to laugh!

**I will start posting films on YouTube on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March,** so you can see what me and my family are drawing. **Just go to YouTube and type in 'Building the Bridge – Drawing Us Together'.** You can also send me photos of your artwork through Twitter. You can find me @BuildBridgeArt and you can use the hashtag #DrawingUsTogether. It is going to be a strange time but let's 'Get Creative' and make something special together. **We can't get together in school at the moment, but we can come together through art.**

Take care everyone. Bye for now!

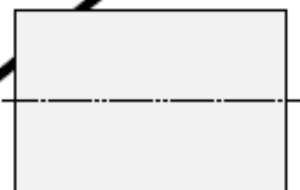
You need:

- A4 paper (any colour)
- A pen or pencil to draw with (any colour)
- The inside tube of a toilet roll.

You might also use some tape or glue to stick your strips together but you don't have to.



'Drawing Us Together'  
A Building the Bridge and  
Manchester: City of The Big Draw Project



Fold, then cut your paper in half into long strips.



Roll your pictures onto the tube!