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Dear Parents

I am writing to thank you all for acting so swiftly in response to the government's directive to close all schools in England from today to all but key workers' children and vulnerable children. I am very grateful to the staff for contacting you so quickly and for your prompt replies. We will ensure, as previously, that we compile a register of all pupils eligible to attend the school during this lockdown and ask that you let us know as soon as possible what provision you require each week. We completely understand that some of you only know your working patterns at short notice. If you have not let us know that you will be requiring a place, please inform class teachers as soon as possible. We have to follow strict government guidance on recording attendance/absence during this lockdown, using specific codes. Therefore, you must let us know if your child is absent for any reason when we are expecting them to attend the school. You still need to be vigilant for symptoms of Covid and self-isolate/get a test for yourself or your child/family member if symptoms develop.

Arrival/closing times

While we are in lockdown all children attending school need to arrive at 8.45am. School for all children will finish at 3.00pm. Teachers will direct you tomorrow morning to the correct classroom entrance for your child.

School meals/free school meals

We have just been informed that parents whose children are eligible for free school meals will be issued with supermarket vouchers as previously. We will set these up as soon as we can. Currently the school kitchen is operating and children who come to school can order a lunch from the current menu. We will let you know if this changes.

Learning in school/home learning

The expectation is that whether pupils are in school, or at home, they carry on learning. Staff are currently planning both for teaching in school and learning at home. All pupils – at school or at home - will have the same learning activities provided across the curriculum, with teachers planning the same topics that would have been covered before lockdown. Work will be uploaded onto Class Dojo as previously. You can continue to communicate with class teachers through Class Dojo, so do not hesitate to ask questions or let us know if you have difficulties accessing learning activities.

Please stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Bates
Headteacher

