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**Newsletter- Important Update COVID-19**

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Dear families,

The Government have announced that all schools in England should close to most pupils from today. They will set out guidance to allow key workers who have no potential childcare solutions, with roles in society that make a significant difference at this difficult and complex time, to continue to carry out their vital roles. We will also invite some pupils in to school where they are classed as vulnerable or they have an EHCP in place.

We will, of course, be providing detailed home learning for each year group via email for each week (we will print and post paper copies where requested; please be mindful of our costs and protecting the environment.) on a Sunday evening. The quality of said home learning will depend on how many pupils we have in school as we will have limited staff to provide both face-to-face and online learning- as you have seen, our excellent staff have done their best to provide both over the previous months when we had isolating families.

We hope and expect that our remote teaching offer will be different to Spring/Summer 2020 with more online provisions to supplement the set project work, especially for our older pupils who can access this fairly independently. We will be sending out precise details of our plan by the end of tomorrow but what this looks like will depend on the number of pupils that we need to provide for in school. Tomorrow we will send you a one-off day of work/suggested activities on email with the hope that our new plans for remote learning will kick in on Wednesday and carry on daily throughout the impending closure.

**Please contact us this evening if you urgently require a place for tomorrow. We would stress that this is on an essential need only basis- we will accept any requests up to midnight tonight for tomorrow and you will receive a confirmation email of your place.** In the first instance we are asking that parents make us aware as soon as possible of your need and, like last time, we stress that parents must only seek our support where it is absolutely necessary. **The deadline for a place in the emergency provision in general- whether every day or just specific days- is 11am tomorrow (Tuesday).** Childcare bubbles and childcare settings can be used to drop off or collect pupils. The school day, just for tomorrow will be with a drop off between 8.40-8.50am (at the main reception doors) and collection between 3.10-3.20pm from the same place. More detailed and staggered arrangements, if necessary, will be announced tomorrow.

Please note that our understanding of Boris Johnson's comment that 'nurseries and Early Years settings will remain open' relates to private nurseries as it did in the Spring/Summer 2020. We will, of course, clarify this tomorrow too but for now our F1 and F2 classes are grouped in with this message and the criteria for places set out above.

Thank you for your support at this very challenging time.

Regards  
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Headteacher