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Dear parents and carers

We have all been really sad that we're unable to see you back in school today. It has felt very strange.

Thank you so much for your understanding with the current situation we find ourselves now placed in light of the national school closures.

Today all staff have been in school working incredibly hard, working behind the scenes to further develop our online learning provision for those children (who are NOT the children of critical workers or vulnerable pupils) who will be learning at home.

Each class has set up online learning provided via Microsoft Teams. You were issued with passwords and logging on details last term. Thank you to the majority of parents who have successfully found the way to Teams and let staff know they are "on". If you or your child are having difficulty in logging on, please email the school office immediately.

We will endeavour to make the home learning timetable as flexible as possible as we are very much aware of time pressures, device pressures, broadband pressures etc. when accessing home learning. If we keep lines of communication open and frequent between school and home then we hope that we will all get through this lockdown well, whilst also minimising as far as possible the impact on your children's learning.

We are aware that those parents or guardians with more than one child on Teams may experience some difficulties in switching between accounts. If you are experiencing difficulties, please ensure that each child is properly logged out before then trying to log on with the other account. We have found that this normally resolves the issue and so, fingers crossed, it will continue to do so.

Thank you to the parents who are critical workers and who have responded to the survey sent out today. We will be sending out an email after 7pm tonight (the closing time of the survey) to inform you about your child's place in school tomorrow and any further arrangements.

Breakfast club and after school club will continue this week if critical worker parents require it. If enough parents need the clubs the following weeks, making it viable to run, we will be able to continue with the provision. We will of course let you know if we have to stop the clubs.

For those children who are in school during this lockdown period, hot school dinners will be available - please book in the usual way.

Thank you so much for your many kind words of support today - we have really appreciated them all.

With many thanks

Sue Denham

Take care, stay kind and keep safe