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Arrangements from 23rd March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Overnight, further information has been published by the Government detailing the arrangements for schools from Monday. The key principles are quite clear:

- **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be**
- Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
- Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

Therefore, regardless of your job, in the first instance you should try to arrange childcare for your child(ren) from Monday.

As a school we will be remaining open as set out by the Government:

*Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children **whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.***

We need to quickly identify which of our children fall into this category (*whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home*). If you feel your child(ren) fall into this category, please can you email, phone or come into the office and provide the following information on the attached form if possible:

- 1) Name(s) of your child(ren)
- 2) Class(es) of your child(ren)
- 3) Job of adult 1
- 4) Job of adult 2
- 5) Number of adults in household
- 6) Which days next week (Mon 23rd – Fri 27th March) you require your child(ren) to attend school. This could be for half or full days as necessary.
- 7) Which days you predict to need childcare in the following week. I understand that this may be more difficult to predict at this moment.

In order for us to plan, please can you provide this information as soon as possible and **by midday today**.

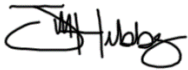
We will identify which of our children come under the vulnerable category and contact parents of these children later today.

If you would like to read the guidance yourself, it can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jill Hibbs', written in a cursive style.

Jill Hibbs
Headteacher

Name of parent:

Name(s) of your child(ren)						
Job of adult 1						
Job of adult 2						
Number of adults in household						
Which days next week you require your child(ren) to attend school. This could be for half or full days as necessary.		Monday 23 rd March	Tuesday 24 th March	Wednesday 25 th March	Thursday 26 th March	Friday 27 th March
	AM					
	PM					
Which days you predict to need childcare in the following week. I understand that this may be more difficult to predict at this moment.		Monday 30 th March	Tuesday 31 st March	Wednesday 1 st April	Thursday 2 nd April	Friday 3 rd April
	AM					
	PM					

Signed.....

Please ensure we have up to date contact numbers for both parents.