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Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to you all for your amazing support and kind messages that I and my staff have received over this week. It really does mean a lot in these very challenging times!

There are a few things I wanted to inform you of.

If your children are off school because your family is self-isolating for 14 days due to a member of the family showing symptoms please be assured that this an authorised absence. If you are simply keeping your children off as a precautionary measure then I will also be authorising this absence as “authorised due to extenuating circumstances”. At this point I feel that it is up to you as parents to be making decisions that affect your family.

If we are asked to close the school or I have to make a decision to close due to safety (ie we do not have enough staff to maintain the safety of your children) then I would like to assure you that we will still be in contact via Class Dojo and ParentMail.

The local authority is working very closely with us to ensure that vulnerable families and children are being looked after and this will hopefully include access to meals. I do not know the details of this yet but as soon as I do I will let you know.

In terms of work for the children while they are off school, we had planned for two weeks worth of work to come home on the day we were asked to close the school. However, events have moved very fast and we now have a significant number of children off school. So our plan is to speed up the completion and copying of these packs so that they are ready by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We will let you know on Thursday a time when you should come by to pick your child’s pack up from the front of the school. Obviously those children who are still in school will be given their packs to take home with them.

Tomorrow there will be a list of free websites on the school website for you to use with your children up to Friday and beyond.

The packs and the websites will provide enough work, along with reading every day, to see the children up to the Easter holidays. If the school is closed after the holidays for any length of time then we will then begin to issue more work via Class Dojo.

If you have any problems accessing Class Dojo or ParentMail please let us know as soon as possible so that we can assist you.

If you have any worries or concerns please contact the office whilst we are open and then through Class Dojo if we are closed. You can contact me directly on Class Dojo if your query does not concern the teacher.

Finally, I would like to wish you all well and let you know that we are here for you should you need us.

Take care & best wishes

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

Tracey Griffiths  
Headteacher