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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 School Update

I hope that you and your families are all well and continue to stay safe. There remains plenty of speculation around lockdown and when schools will reopen. However, as you will recognise this is currently conjecture and until we get notification from the government, we need to continue as we are with school remaining open to our most vulnerable children and the children of key workers. In this respect I am very proud of the efforts of all staff and I am sure you join with me in offering your appreciation.

Communication

The main purpose of this letter is to advise of some forthcoming communication with you from school. Next week (week commencing 4 May) we will be undertaking welfare calls to every family in the school. This is intended as a one off exercise but may be repeated if lockdown continues for an extended period. **If you are not around to take the call, please do not ring school back or leave a voicemail, as we will not have the capacity to respond.** Instead, staff will try again if the initial contact is unsuccessful.

Home Learning

If you think it would help, please support your children in planning their own day (they may want to make a timetable as a routine can be useful), breaks and time in the fresh air can be built in. We would encourage children to start their day with some exercise (e.g. Joe Wicks at 9am). Children should then go to ClassDojo and the school website for their daily learning. You may have heard about the new BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy Daily Lessons. These are an excellent resource and we will signpost the children to specific lessons, where appropriate. We are totally committed to helping your children to learn in these strange and difficult times. That said, we want to make things easier for families; we do not want to create additional pressure or stress. All home learning has been designed in a way that every child should be able to work independently. We know that families have other commitments and will not be able to sit with children all day and this will not be necessary.

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Free School Meals

I am pleased to say that the voucher system is now up and running with many of you having received your first e-codes. As I explained in my last letter, this is a new scheme put together at very short notice and the government recognises that there are teething problems. Please email school if you are still awaiting your first e-code. In the meantime, thank you for your patience, it could be a little while yet before the system is operating glitch free.

Finally

As always, thank you for your continued support. Even though we have largely become a virtual school, we are still here for you. If you have any questions regarding your child's learning or wellbeing, please continue to use the usual email address and someone will contact you.

We look forward to seeing you all soon. Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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