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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware from yesterday's announcement the government have made the decision to close schools until at least February half term. During this lockdown period the government expectation is for schools to set home learning for all full time primary children, broadly equivalent to 3 hours a day (less for our youngest children - as play is part of their learning). Parents are expected by the government to support children in their home learning and send back evidence of the children's work to teachers so they can respond to the children and support their learning.

We will be following our lockdown policy (on the website and copies previously sent to parents) which will mean that you receive daily links to online lessons. We are aware that digital resources are limited in some households and that some of you may have more than one child to home school and we want to support you as best we can.

We will be sending daily links to Maths, English and Phonics recorded lessons to all full time children, which will mean you can access them during the day at which ever time is most convenient for your family. Ideally you will watch these with your children and support them with the follow up activities.

If you are struggling to access online resources due to limited data we have some free Vodafone sim cards with 30gb of data available for you to get free Wi-Fi access. Please call the office if you would like one of these sim cards.

We also expect your child to read daily on the Pearson's Book Club (link in reading diaries).

To ensure the children maintain their key skills we will also send home paper based work book resources. Your child's teacher will email separately to set expectations of paper based resources you must complete daily. This is the minimum requirement of daily work for your child as it does not require you to have digital access to complete it.

As per the government expectations we will require you to send in photographs/evidence of the work your child has completed to your child's teacher via email so that staff can respond to their work and support them with any feedback and next steps.

Your child's home learning emails will start tomorrow and will be with you by 9.30am. Due to the short notice of the government announcement and supporting the key worker children in school this has not been possible today.

As during the previous school closure staff will be making phone calls home, as a minimum fortnightly to discuss your child's learning. Please be aware these will come from a withheld phone number. If you want to get in touch at other times please email your class teacher and they will be in touch as soon as possible.

If you think your child is entitled to a key worker place and you would like them to complete their home learning in school with us please let me know.

We realise that these are very challenging times and we want to support families as much as possible so do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher or myself if you need support.

If anyone feels that they are not managing and needs wellbeing support please contact me sooner rather than later and we will be able to support you and your children.

This is going to need to be a team effort!

Kind regards

Mrs Cook

