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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

As you will be aware, last night the Prime Minister informed the country that all schools should close from today until February half term. The plans we had already made to take us through to the end of this week will now continue until February half term. As previously mentioned in my last email this means the majority of children will now be learning at home and teachers will be in touch shortly with more details. See 'Home learning' below for more details.

Key Worker Provision

Further to the survey that was circulated yesterday, we are pleased to be in a position to be able to offer provision for <u>all</u> of our vulnerable pupils, those pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans and the children of key workers. If you are a parent of one of these groups of children, please would you email Mrs French in the school office with the days of provision you would require if you have not already done so.

The timings of the school day will remain the same as before Christmas as will the provision for before and after school care. Children are also expected to continue to attend in their uniform.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for a free school meal, then weekly food parcels will be available to pick up from school. This week collection will be on Thursday from 12:00 and then every Monday from next week, again from lunchtime.

Home Learning

For the children who will be learning at home, we will continue to be using 'Class Dojo' and 'Teams' as the online platform to remotely set and share tasks/ work. We understand that home learning can be very challenging for parents who are trying to balance their own work alongside supervising/ assisting with their children's school work. Please remember to do what you can and not to get worried if you cannot complete all of the work set. Keeping your family safe and looking after their well-being has to be the main priority. Please remember we are here to help and staff will be available to assist and give feedback throughout this difficult period.

Thank you once again for your support in this unprecedented situation. I will write to you again as we receive further information and guidance.

Kind regards, Mr S. Whelerton Head Teacher









