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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are responding to the government's announcement that schools will close and open on Monday for vulnerable children, children with EHCPs and children of key workers. Thank you to all who have responded to our ParentMail form. If you have not yet let us know that you are a key worker, please do so as soon as possible as we are drawing up the lists of children we will be welcoming on Monday.

For those we are not able to open for we are putting work on our website and we have sent home exercise books and homework books for children to use to keep their skills sharp while they are at home. We will be updating the website regularly both in the year group pages and also through latest news with updates on how to stay active if you are indoors and topic based projects.

The government announced on Wednesday that they will be providing support for families who are entitled to free school meals. We had already been in discussion with our catering company to provide meals for children who are eligible. I am pleased to say that we will be providing meals to collect from school for all eligible children from Monday. Children who are in school will have their lunch as usual. We will be sending out information via ParentMail to all eligible families. Collection will be at a particular time to avoid large groups of people being on the school site at the same time. We are using our kitchen as a hub and providing meals for another local school as well so keeping to your allocated time will be very important. We hope that these meals will go some way to reassuring families who are concerned about food availability.

If you, or someone you know, is concerned about having enough food to feed your family please contact our Family Support Worker, Sharon Evans. This can be done via the contact us page on our website, or through the school office. We have vouchers for the Food Bank available and are talking to a couple of organisations about being a hub for food distribution to families who are unable to get out due to self-isolation, or who are in need. We will need volunteers to help with this so if you would like to volunteer to help with distributing food, please contact the school office.

ParentMail is used by many schools and as you can imagine, at this time there are so many messages being sent out. They have asked that we limit attachments and number of communications. To maintain communication levels to you I have created an additional page called COVID-19 Info on our website. We will be adding to that regularly and all letters and attachments will be there. We are also looking at using Google Forms instead of ParentMail so please look out for links (and bear with us while we sort out any teething problems!)

I have posted some information to support families in talking about the situation with children to the website which I hope you will find helpful. I would like to thank you once more for your continued support and understanding as we navigate this difficult time.

With best wishes,

Eleanor Prestage
Headteacher