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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking you for your ongoing support throughout the last week. This is a worrying and challenging time for everyone and I know as a school community we will continue to support one another.

School continues to be open for children of Key Workers and other identified children. We will also continue to be open during the Easter Holidays.

I hope you have found the information on the website and App helpful. Remember if you haven't already done so download My School App from your App Store.

The staff and myself appreciate the challenges you are currently facing and would like to try and provide support. From Monday there will be a weekly timetable for each year group in the Distance Learning Section of the Website and on My School App. However, can I add this is purely to support your day to day activities. Over the coming weeks due to the unprecedented situation you may see more meltdowns and tantrums from your child, whether this is due to anxiety, anger or frustration- this is normal and expected in these circumstances. Remember just as we are, the children will be frightened and uncertain about what is happening. This may mean to support them and yourself it is better to simply veer away from your daily schedule, instead take part in activities such as drawing, playing games, watching a movie or simply doing nothing. Please remember at the end of all this the mental health of both yourselves and your child is the most important thing. This is far more important than their academic skills. We will concentrate upon that when everything is back to normal. Don't forget to look at our how to support home learning advice on the website.

We are also still providing daily packed lunches for children in receipt of Free School Meals. It is hoped that very soon the Local Authority will be moving to a national voucher scheme. I will obviously keep you informed with any developments.

I really hope I do see you all soon, but in the meantime take care and remember that we are still open and here to help.

Take Care, Mrs McBeth













