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Dear Parent/ Carers

Well what a week that was!! A first for all of us and not really very much in terms of clear guidance! However, we are being well supported by the Local Authority.

We are continuing to stay open and deep clean the school on a daily basis with the staff being directed to leave the premises by 4.00pm. Thank you to all of you who have let me know if you are key workers and also for best wishes and kind words. As a school, we are incredibly grateful and thankful to you all for your support and kindness at this time.

We have a few families who have now made the decision to keep their child at home. A lot of our children have significant underlying medical conditions and so parents have taken the decision to keep these children at home. We urge you to consider what is best for your family and we will fully support you with what you decide. Just because we remain open, it does not mean you are expected to send your child in if it's best for them and you as a family to keep them at home. The pupils are being given a 'Y' code in the register that relates to this crisis and so absences do not 'go against' the child or families.

Monday's groupings are already decided and staffed. The children are coping really well with the changes. Unfortunately, I can't send lists home daily due to data protection and also as mornings bring a different picture so although we want to prepare the children as much as possible, we are not able to do this.

I'd like to publicly thank my amazing staff at this time. Whether they are in the building or they have had to make the difficult decision to stay at home, they are all working hard and keeping in touch with what is happening in school.

I'd like to keep the children wearing their school uniforms to give a greater sense of routine and normality, but would like to offer a 'dress down' option on a Friday where they can choose what they would like to wear!



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If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, and your child is not in school, you will be receiving a notification to download an app that enables you to receive and make use of food vouchers at a supermarket of your choice so this entitlement is still very much accessible to you.

Today we have sent girls in Year 5 upwards home with sanitary products.

I have attached the letter suggested to us by Worcestershire Children First as this has more information and links on it, but I wanted to make contact personally with you too.

I hope that you all have a safe and relaxing weekend and keep well.

Yours sincerely

Tracey  
Head teacher



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