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Dear parents and carers

I write now with details about next week. You'll be aware that school will be closed to most pupils as the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. Parents who have children eligible to attend are already being contacted as per the previous letter.

Here are some important details about the operation of school for the foreseeable future:

- School will be open to eligible pupils from 8:30am until 4:00pm.
- If children are on the register to be in school, parents/carers must ring school by 9am if they are going to be absent.
- Children will enter school through the main entrance only and will be registered there. Children will also be collected from here. Please make sure you inform the school who is going to be collecting your child if it is not someone we usually know.
- All children attending school will be provided with a free lunch. No food should be brought into school. This will be reviewed at the end of the first fortnight.
- The school will remain open during the Easter holidays.
- In school, teachers will provide a curriculum that covers the basics (reading, writing and maths) and other creative activities to extend their learning around and beyond the national curriculum. Different staff will teach the children based on availability but we will try to keep children broadly grouped by their age.
- School uniform does not need to be worn.

If your child is not attending school:

- You will have received a pack – we will make sure this is updated and added to as we can
- We will give you a ring to check all is OK on a weekly basis. If your child is a vulnerable child but is not attending we may do a doorstep home visit if you are well enough.
- **A FREE packed lunch will be made available for all children who are on Free School Meals – this includes ALL children in Reception, Year 1 and Year2. This will be available to collect from the kitchen door between 11:30 and 12:30.** Please only collect this if it is safe for you to do so i.e. you have no symptoms



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- The government are looking to set up a voucher system for children who would receive free school meals which may replace this offer. As soon as I get any details on this I will let you know.

Throughout this all I will still be contactable via email and every day a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be on site in the Office to support parents, staff and children.

I'm sure you'll have more questions and I will try to answer them as soon as I can.

Thank you for your understanding at this time and all of your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Patterson