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Dear parents and carers

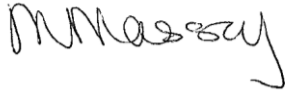
You are receiving this letter because you have indicated that you require your child to be in school next week. We have been asked to remind you that the government advice to parents and carers is to only send your child to school if there is no safe alternative, if at all possible children should be at home so please do update us if your circumstances change.

Arrangements from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March onwards will obviously be very different to the normal school day; your child will not be attending taught lessons but will be supervised by staff whilst completing the same tasks that their peers will be completing at home. In addition, we will endeavour to put on some form of physical activity so please ensure they have appropriate clothing. Key information for next week:

- Children are not required to attend in School uniform but should wear appropriate clothing.
- We will not be able to provide a catering service for any students other than those in receipt of free school meals. If your child receives free school meals we will provide them with a cold packed lunch.
- School will be open from 8am but supervised sessions will not commence until 9am and will finish at 3pm. School site will shut promptly and there will be no after school provision. Students are expected to go to the library when they arrive.
- We are all aware of the importance of regular hand-washing. Please ask your child to wash their hands when they arrive at school and we will be enforcing regular hand-washing throughout the day.
- We are happy for students to bring in mobile phones and listen to music whilst they work – they will need to bring in their own headphones. Our normal rules on mobile phone use will be relaxed during this time, but we will expect children to use them safely and appropriately.
- We will continue to maintain our high expectations regarding behaviour and will deal with any disengagement or poor behaviour.
- If your child is not going to attend for any reason, please contact school as you would normally to report their absence. The same guidance that has already been issued around self-isolation still applies.
- All children will need to bring with them:
  - School books (for work they intend to complete during the day)
  - Pencil case
  - All food and drink for the day (water dispensers will still be accessible)
  - Kit for PE
  - iPad / tablet / laptop if they have one

I am sure you are aware that things are changing, often on a daily basis. This is our plan for next week but if things need to change we will contact you. Our ability to provide this support is reliant on our ability to staff the numbers of children who are in school and we would ask for your patience if provision needs to be altered.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Massey', written in a cursive style.

Mrs M Massey,  
**Acting Principal**