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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are safe and well, clearly the recent government announcement to extend the lockdown means that we are still unable to open school, we anticipate that school will remain shut for some time.

To support every pupil with learning they have each been issued with a work pack, your child also has individual access to Purple Mash where teachers have prepared and set work. IXL is another useful tool that the children enjoy and for this too, they have individual logins. Where there is no access to the internet in the home please speak to someone from school when they contact you, so we can find other possibilities to support you further. The work packs are specific to your child's needs and the Purple Mash work is also set by teaching staff. We understand that for some children it might be difficult to access the work or get in the mindset to complete work at home so there is no pressure to complete this in a rush.

Something we are really concerned about for all families is the availability of food; those students who are entitled to Free School Meals should now have received their voucher, you will have seen in the press that there have been a lot of difficulties for schools to access these. If you have not received your voucher, please speak to the member of staff when they ring you in the coming week. For those families who are not entitled to Free School Meals and if there are challenges, please again speak to the member of staff who contacts you, if there is something we can support and help with, we will try.

We have asked key staff in school to contact you regularly throughout this period, this may come in a variety of different methods; phone calls, text message or email. I have asked for staff to continue to do this as a method to try and support you. Although we must stress our support is remote at this time due to the lockdown that has been put in place.

Once we come to the end of the lockdown period, we will contact you to reintroduce your child to school life. We understand that by being off school for so long it is really important to try and support your child back into school best with a gradual integration.

Thank you again for your patience and support.

Yours sincerely

Mike Pride
Executive Headteacher

