13th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Coronavirus – Covid 19 Update**

Many thanks for your understanding and patience as we all wrestle with these uncertain times and juggle with making the right decisions to safeguard the wellbeing of our children and our staff.

The advice from the Government remains to keep your child safe at home if you are able to do so. School is partially open to a small number of children on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. This is for children whose parents are Key Workers or who are particularly vulnerable. We have risk assessed the whole school population and are in regular discussions with partners in Health, Social Care and the Local Authority to respond flexibly to those of you in greatest need. It is our judgement that the vast majority of children are safer in their home environment as we cannot socially distance in school and obviously need to be in physical contact with your children. This then puts our staff at risk of exposure to the virus, and whilst they are happy to do so I want to minimise this risk to the lowest degree possible.

As you will know, we are keeping in weekly contact with all of our families and are responding to your concerns on a daily basis. We strongly encourage you all to join the Class Dojo where possible and to make a real effort to answer our calls or get back to us quickly if we have left messages for you.

We understand that some of you are having difficulty using the School Meals Voucher. If this applies to you, let us know quickly and we can send you an ‘e voucher’ which may well work better.

We will keep posting updates via Facebook and our home to school messaging service and the school website. Can you ensure that we have your latest phone number and can we encourage you to use our Facebook page to share your ideas and support each other at this difficult time.

Our Admin Team will keep in touch to explain how families can access Free School Meals support.

If you are feeling anxious and would like to talk to one of the Leadership Team we are still here in school for you between 9:00am-3:00pm.

We all send our love and best wishes and hope that we all come out the other side fit, healthy and well.

Take care,

Chris Rollings
Head Teacher