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Meeting individual needs...to the best of our ability.

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Dear Parents,

Although, to date you have had all the information we have been following, I would like to reiterate some, and also give you an idea of what is likely to take place in the coming days, weeks, possibly months.

If you have any vulnerable people living with you and you are worried that your child will bring home the virus then please keep your child at home. Their absence will be authorised. Contact school, explain the reasons and if you would like work for your child to be getting on with, please ask.

We will be reviewing the staffing levels on a daily basis. We may run on a restricted amount of classes in school. We will give preference to Years 2 and 6 as they have external/internal assessments taking place, currently and in the near future.

We will not be sending 'packs' out to children. These tend to be piles of photocopied sheets, full of things that, in order for the children to be able to do, they must already know the answers. Multiply each sheet by 30 and when we do return to school the amount of marking and feedback needed would not be time well spent. Instead we are creating a range of activities, some whole school, some bespoke for individuals, some for whole classes or year groups but the vast majority should help to develop your child's learning. They will be activities that the children need to do for themselves but then may involve a little bit of your time, for example, hide 10 things around the house (could be mini Easter eggs!) write a set of clues and ask a grown up or older sibling to follow the clues. Each child will have a card during whole school closure and we will be asking you to sign it on a daily basis. We will also be supplying you with lists of websites you may find useful for your child to do, however, I would not want them to be spending all day looking at a screen! There will also be lists of 'additional' activities you may also want to do. The core activities must be done for your child to gain 'attendance marks'. If this advice changes I will get back to you. Information is changing on a daily basis.

So that your children can access some of the activities it is important that you do the following as a matter of urgency:

- Is the email address we hold for you up to date if not please contact us?
- Log on to DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish and DoodleTables to check that you are able to do this. If not, contact your child's class teacher immediately.
- Try to access our website...if you are unable to do this, contact us immediately

We will aim to keep communication throughout any closures. Please be mindful that teachers too may be ill in bed, however, you will have access to my email should anything arise or need to be sorted. We will text you each time your class page is updated.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Flowers Headteacher









