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COVID UPDATE

First of all a reminder: Please send your Reply Slips by tomorrow if you wish your child to be allowed a place at school. (See reply slip below – but please only send if you haven't already done so. Thank you).

Thank you for your understanding, patience and support during these crazy times!

Apparently, due to the email system overload, some parents only received yesterday's second parent message at just gone midnight!! Many schools experienced the same problem.....Technology!

We continue to review the whole situation on a daily basis. To finalise our arrangements it is important that those many parents who may be in two minds about their child returning to school to please confirm as soon as possible. We need to know our exact numbers. I have included another copy of the reply slip – first sent out yesterday.

Lockdown will be for at least 6 weeks. We need to make sure the learning continues.

'Vulnerable' Category: Examples of: We are concerned about Mental Health Issues/Anxiety etc with parents/children. If you feel, based on worries about yours or your child's Mental Health, you prefer your child to be at school, then please inform me or your child's class teacher.

The same for any parent seriously worried about their child's learning difficulties – including those on our Special Needs Register. Also, any family experiencing family problems or serious concerns about a child's welfare (or maybe a parent's welfare). Any traumatic experience or difficult circumstances such as a family member with serious illness or experiencing bereavement. Those families who need support with EAL – English as an Additional Language. If you need help in completing the reply slip then please contact me or your child's class teacher to discuss your circumstances. All the above are just some of the reasons children may continue to be at school.

I can confirm that unlike with Lockdown 1 last Spring, pupils attending school will now continue to be taught structured lessons. We already have more children attending than during Lockdown 1. We are cracking on with our basic skills programme. We hope to crack on with our full curriculum.

Similarly, the hope is that parents will support schools with the Remote Learning Programmes which we are providing for kiddies at home. It remains crucial that we don't leave any child behind in the development of their basic skills and learning routines.

6 weeks is a long time and we all need to prepare carefully for the learning - at home or at school – which has to continue. Thank you.

G Huckstep BA
Headteacher

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING REPLY SLIP THROUGH YOUR CHILD'S CLASS EMAIL ADDRESS... by tomorrow Wednesday(6th) at the latest. Thank you. Please tick or highlight one of these categories if they apply to your circumstances. Thank you. If you have more than one child then please make sure each child's class teacher receives a response.

1. I consider my child comes under the vulnerable/ Special Needs category. _____
2. I believe my occupation is classified in the 'key worker' category. _____
3. NOT SURE! I would appreciate the chance to discuss with Mr Huckstep or class teacher whether or not my child qualifies for a place. _____

Name of Parent _____ Name of Child _____ . Class _____