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Covid Update for Parents

Dear Parents / Carers

Whilst we understand the reasons behind continuing the lockdown, and we are pleased that the Government is trying to keep children and families safe, we were all hugely disappointed by the news that all our children will not be able to return to school until after the 8th March. However, we are so grateful to our families and wanted to express our enormous thanks for your continued support with the children's learning – for many, we know, this is in addition to juggling work and other family commitments. Some children/parents have found the work more challenging than others, so please contact us anytime if you are worried or concerned. All our staff are available to help out, and if you are struggling with WiFi or lack of resources (books, stationery, IT equipment etc), please let us know and we will try to help out in any way we can.

School will continue to be open for **all Nursery children**, the **children of Critical/Key Worker's** and those children deemed '**vulnerable**' – if you're not sure about whether you are eligible to use school – give us ring or email. Holiday club for February half term will take place for Critical/Key Worker children only (it will be located at St Martin's – info from Hilary Gauntlett-Small).

We are also very aware that this lockdown is placing a considerable burden on household expenses – let us know if you need food vouchers or food parcels – we are given at least 25 boxes of food each week by Putson Church and Challenge Church, it would be nice to spread these around much more widely across the community.

Free School Meal vouchers will be available, for those eligible, over half term – Sue Williams (Marlbrook) and Tracy Pennington (St Martin's) will be issuing these – please get in touch with them if you need anything.

Re Parents Evening w/b 1st March – as the majority of children are not currently in school, and we are contacting families regularly, we have decided to postpone parents evening until the school is fully open to all children.

I will update you as soon as possible with regards to our schools reopening, in the meantime – stay safe and please let us know if there is anything you need.

Yours sincerely, Tracey Kneale - Headteacher

