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Letter to parents Friday 27th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I hope everyone is well and keeping safe. I am going to try to write to you each week with any updates or changes that may occur. You will appreciate none of us have dealt with a situation like this before and the situation is extremely fluid so please do read these letters/updates carefully.

Key Worker Families. A huge thank you to those families that have managed their childcare from home. ***THIS IS THE BEST ADVICE FOR ALL OF US.*** For those that cannot, school will be open for the moment. I have to however inform everyone that this might not be possible to continue indefinitely, as a number of staff are self-isolating at home. School will facilitate opening for those key workers that cannot safely care for their child/children for as long as it can. The move to Cardinal Wiseman (a central hub) is still a potential plan if numbers grow and school cannot safely provide childcare due to staffing issues. School is going to try to be open for some of the Easter holidays for key workers however, we may not be able to offer 9:00am to 3:00pm and/or each day of the holiday. When I know more I will write/text to those concerned, the key advice though is to STAY AT HOME wherever possible.

FSM children. I am expecting to be able to send out FSM vouchers to those entitled today (Friday). Please await a text/email with instructions of how it's going to work. ***Lunch collections from school will end today (Friday 27th) and I want to place on record my thanks to Mrs Hawthorn for helping the school out this week, her efforts are very much appreciated.***

Working at Home. Mrs Logue has been working frantically to get some work uploaded on to the website, hopefully it will be available for everyone to access today (Friday). This will be updated as and when required depending on how long school will be closed.

Finally, can I just write and thank the staff for going beyond the call of duty this week. A number of whom are not feeling well yet still have come into school to help with childcare. Please keep abreast of any texts/emails or website updates and I will hopefully write again next week.

In the meantime please stay at home and please stay safe.

M Aldred. Head teacher.



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