



26th March 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I hope everyone is well and staying safe. This is a very strange time for everyone, but we will get through it and I don't think we will take anything for granted again. I hope the home-learning is going well. I know my children seem to be enjoying it this week as my wife is able to be at home with them. Next week, it will be my turn as she has to go into her school, so we'll see if I've got what it takes!

School is providing childcare for the children of key workers and other children that were outlined by the government last week. Staff are working this on a rota. The team that has worked this week has done a great job of getting the ball rolling on our change of provision, whilst also making the site safe to control any possible infection. The main way of doing this is by limiting the number of people on site, so staff, like pupils, are not allowed on site unless it is absolutely necessary.

At the moment, we are still running the school office. This may change in the future, but we have taken calls about home learning and orders for packed lunches. The uptake for the lunches that our meals provider has offered to children in receipt of free school meals has been very low. We are trying to work with Dolce to offer an alternative to what we are offering at the moment. If your child does receive free school meals, please call the office before 9:30am each day to place your order, or order for the week and they will be ready for collection from 11am onwards.

On a similar note, thanks to Miss Thompson, we have had food donations from local supermarkets and food bank vouchers. If you are in need and struggling, please make contact and we will try our best to help.

We are still waiting for guidance on what will be happening during the Easter holidays. As soon as I have information on this, I will let you know.

We are looking at ways to improve communication between home and school. Miss Rimmer has set up an email system and Mr Drake is looking into ways to improve communication with class teachers.

The next few weeks look like they could be quite difficult on a national level. We have to all try our best to look after each other. We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Murphy'.

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