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Dear Parents

Thank you for your patience, we are working with the news as and when we receive it. The school will close today to all except children who meet the Key Worker / Vulnerable criteria as defined by the list that can be found by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Please note that this document states "parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible" and "the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society"

Other useful information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Please let us know by the end of today if your child/children meet the criteria and will be attending school.

School Meals will be available to children who are in school and to those who qualify for Free School Meals (excluding the Foundation / Year 1 / Year 2 children who are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals). Please cancel any school meals that have been ordered in advance if your child will not be in school.

All year groups have provided resources which can be found on the school website - please follow the link at the top of the home page on www.emmergreenprimary.com to access the pages.

We are also recommending that parents check the Supporting Learning from Home section of the School Website and the Parent Curriculum Planners. Junior children are encouraged to practise Mathematics and all children to read anything and everything. We have spoken in class as today being an early Easter break-up and that any children who will still be coming in are doing a great thing for all of us as their parents have important jobs to fulfil.

Key Worker/Vulnerable Category Parents

Please note that the overriding social distancing message to all is that children should be kept home where possible. As your child is eligible to come into school we would like to give you more details on the arrangements.

We are keen that children who are in school have an enjoyable experience and where the days will be structured with learning going on there will also be many fun activities and we would like children to come in non-school uniform. The school will be open on this basis from Monday 23rd March and the expectation is that this will continue over the Easter holidays and into next term. Please be aware that for Key Workers we are only expecting children in school on the days that you are working.

If children usually attend Breakfast Club and Acorns, this service will still be available to you.

The kitchen will be providing school meals (the menu may be reduced where supplies are limited) and we ask that parents order meals in ParentPay in the same way. Please cancel any pre-ordered meals for days that your child will not be attending.

All children will bring PE kits home today. The office will continue to be manned throughout this term and the Easter holidays and we will keep you posted with any further news. We wish all our families all the best and to keep safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Tonia Crossman
Headteacher