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Dear Families,

Home Learning

All the Heads met together today in a virtual meeting. We discussed the home learning that you are all supporting your children with. When we were first told that schools were closing, our teachers worked very hard to get some learning organised for the children in their classes for two weeks. As we are now aware that this will be continuing after Easter, and we do not have an end date, we are considering the best way for us to move forward. We have had good feedback from parents about prerecorded story times, short assemblies etc that enable the children to see teachers on the screen. We are looking for the best way for us to approach this that is safe for the children and easy for the staff to upload. We will continue to work this out over Easter.

For those children of critical workers, who are accessing the childcare facilities, we will also support the children with home learning when they are with us. Please can they bring it with them at the start of the session.

We must reiterate that the emotional health and wellbeing of all in your family is the most important thing. Please do not feel pressured to get all home learning completed. We have undergone extensive training to be teachers and you are not expected to suddenly become a teaching professional overnight!

After Easter, if you are a critical worker and your child is attending childcare, please send the activities in with them and we will do some of the activities with your child while they are with us. It may not necessarily be the activity that they have been sent from their school but may be a variety from across the Trust.

FSM vouchers

Families who qualify for free school meals should have received a voucher for two weeks up to the Easter break. This is for school aged children and we are investigating if the provision can be extended to those families with Nursery aged children. We will let you know when we have had this clarification. Today the government has set up a new system through Edenred. The amount is £15 a week and will start after the Easter break. There will be no vouchers over the break but if you find yourselves in any difficulty, please email your school office and they will be in touch with the FSWs who have access to the local foodbanks. We are aware that the current crisis has changed the circumstances for many families, so please let us know how we can help.

Yours sincerely

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