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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly I hope you and your families are all keeping safe and well. As I'm sure you are aware, school will be closing on Friday 3rd April for the Easter holidays. Staff will remain in contact during this time to check on the welfare of your child where necessary. **Children should still remain at home during this period.**

I have included some information from the government which may answer some of your questions specifically about your child or children.

Children should not be out socialising with their friends, I must stress this is not a holiday. Please see below tips to support your child whilst learning from home:

- Set up a daily routine, as if your child was still in school, for example appropriate eating and sleeping times.
- Provide a place at home for your child to work in a calm and quiet space.
- Check on any work assigned and contact school if you they have problems or questions they need to ask.
- Limit and monitor TV watching, gaming, social media etc.

Questions and Answers:

Do all Children with and Education, Health and Care Plans need to continue to attend school?

Many children and young people with EHC plans can safely remain at home. Schools, colleges, other training providers and local authorities will need to consider the needs of all children and young people with an EHC plan and complete a risk assessment for each child or young person.

Children and young people with EHC plans whose needs can be met at home, namely those who are not receiving personal care from their educational setting, or whose limited need for personal care can be met in their family home should remain at home.

Do children that are supported by the Social Care System need to continue to attend school?

Attending education settings is known as a protective factor for children receiving the support of a social worker. It is right that we prioritise support for those who will benefit the most. We are balancing this carefully with the urgent need to reduce social contact right across society to support our work to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

If you require any further support or advice, please do not hesitate to contact us or refer to our website which we will continue to be updated with any additional information when/where relevant.

Yours Sincerely

Louise Hodson
Head of School