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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping as well as you can during these difficult times. It has been an extremely busy week in school despite school being only partially open. Boris Johnson's announcement on Monday evening came without any pre-warning or notification to schools. The guidance to accompany the announcement was only given last night and there are 13 documents to consider.

As always, our team of staff here have pulled together and worked relentlessly to try and provide on-site education for our Key worker and vulnerable pupils, as well as prepare remote learning for those children at home. We are developing our provision on a daily basis as we become more familiar with how to use the various technologies and we are trying to provide a balance of direct teaching through videos and voiced powerpoints with work children can do away from a screen. Any children without access to a suitable device should have informed school by now and we have made an order for devices from the DfE. We will get these out to families as soon as we can. Paper work packs have been delivered to those pupils with no access to the internet or a device today.

I wanted to make you aware that any child with either an X-box or a play station, can access Google classroom from them. A copy of the information about how to do this was posted on our facebook site.

I will be delivering our weekly Mission assembly on Monday Morning throughout the lockdown through a voiced powerpoint which will be uploaded to Google Classroom. We can also access the livestreaming of Mass from St Augustine's Church every Wednesday at 9.30am, which will give us the spiritual guidance we need to help us through these difficult times.

We have many more children attending school than in the previous lockdown and understand that employers are putting pressure on parents to be in work. We can only offer places to the parents of children who are classed as critical workers on the Government website. We had asked for applications for these places to be in by Tuesday and we are still receiving some.

Please help us to make appropriate plans by ensuring that all applications have been made by the end of today.

For those parents still waiting for a place please be patient, as we are required to check each new application, allocate the place to a bubble and ensure that the adult ratio is suitable. In order to keep the numbers as low as we can, so that this lockdown does reduce the infection rate, please keep your child at home if this is at all possible.

May God Bless us all

Helen Forrest