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Thank you for your continued support during the unprecedented time. We are trying our best to keep you updated and make plans as quickly as possible.

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open **only** for those children who absolutely need to attend.

If you and your family are in isolation please do not come into school for any reason. As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing.

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

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It is important to underline that schools remain safe places for children as long as everyone follows the guidelines. 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.

If you are able to follow the government advice and keep children at home, additional learning packs are available on the school website – you will need to download DropBox (a free app) to be able to see all of the resources. These will be updated during the closure period.

A class email address will be sent out next week for children to make contact with class teachers and ask any questions about their work or share any worries they have. The class email should not be used for general enquiries.

If you are keeping your child at home and they are entitled to Free School Meals, then you can order and collect a lunch each day. **Please phone the school office by 9.30** each day if you want to order a lunch and you will be able to collect it from school between 11.30 and 12.00. Initially this will be a sandwich lunch while we consider different options. If you are self-isolating or have any symptoms, do not come up to school.

We have verified the information from parents who consider themselves on the Key Worker list and need children to attend school. If we have not heard from you we have assumed that you are keeping your child at home so you must not bring them to school on Monday.

If we have confirmed eligibility for a place with you, please see the arrangements below:

- Children should arrive after 8.45 and be collected between 3.00 -3.15 as we have been instructed that staff should be off site by 3.30. Children need to be supervised by an adult while waiting, please follow social distancing advice on the playground.
- Children need to be handed over and collected by an adult AT THE RAINBOW GATES – this is not negotiable as we need to ensure that children are safe and following the guidelines that they go straight home
- Children can only access this service when you are at work as a key worker. If you work part-time you should keep them at home on the days you are off.
- Children in school will be completing the same work packs as children have been given – please bring yours back in next week
- Children do not need to attend all day, every day. We can be flexible but we do need to know who we are expecting each day so please let us know so that we can organise staffing. Early collection or late drop off is via the front of school as normal.
- Children do not need to be in school uniform and should be appropriately dressed for outdoor play too (no onsies or pyjamas though thanks)
- School dinners will still be available, although the menu will be limited. Children entitled to Free school meals, including universal FSM, will still get them and paid dinners should be done through ParentPay as normal. Packed lunches can be brought in as normal.
- Although we are operating as childcare, we still expect children to follow our school rules and expectations. Any incidents of unacceptable behaviour will be dealt with in accordance with our behaviour policy, which includes exclusion if required.
- Little Stars will still be operating to provide before and after school care. Please contact them directly if you need this service.

If you have any questions or queries please contact school by telephone, email at s.office@perryhallmat.co.uk or via the App. The office hours may be reduced during this period but emails are monitored.

We will be sending updates via text, the App and website as we have them. Please keep safe and follow all of the guidelines available.

This situation will be unlike any other that we have seen and one that we will remember for the rest of our lives. We are all in this together and we will do whatever it takes to keep safe and well. Please show compassion and consideration for one another at this difficult time. We are contactable if you need any help and support, just ask!

Take care.

Mrs Barnes and everyone at Bird's Bush x

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