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To all parents/carers,

We are halfway through day four of school being open in its new capacity and all I can say is, thank goodness for a bit of sunshine!! It could not have come at a better time! The children have been a delight and seemed to have enjoyed having school all to themselves! Thank you, once again, for supporting the school by 'staying home and staying safe'. The Governors, myself and all the staff really appreciate the effort you are going to during these difficult times.

As always, I will try to keep you up to date with what is going on in school, any relevant updates from the Government that you may have missed and any frequently asked questions that the office are getting.

Easter Holidays

Firstly though, I wanted to let those families that are eligible for attending school know that we have decided to stay open over Easter. The staff are committed to supporting this opening which means we have already been able to compile a list of availability which I am truly thankful for.

Families eligible for the Easter provision are:

- Children whose parents are key workers (we are still following the Local Authority advice of: **'homes where one parent is NOT a key worker should not need to use childcare'**.)
- Children with an EHCP
- Children who have a social worker
- Children who are in Foster Care

Now we just need some information from you about what you need and when you need it. If you require to use the provision over the Easter holidays please email admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk with the subject line **Easter** with the days you require your children to come into school.

Of course, all of this is subject to change, given how unpredictable everything is at the moment but from our side, the intention is to continue with this provision as long as it is needed.

Home Learning

Just another quick reminder about our home learning package on the website. The office team have now sent out all the login details required for the home learning. It is also worth remembering that the work being set on Education City and MyMaths, for example, is not updated daily. I appreciate that some children are whizzing through it quite quickly so if this is the case then please point them towards the learning grids. Especially whilst the weather is fine, we would like the children to balance 'tablet time' with some of the more practical/craft and outdoor activities.

Y6 Leavers

Last Friday, was an emotional day for the children, not least the Year Sixes who were struggling with the idea of it being their last day. We just want the Year Six children to know that we have already given some thought to how we might replicate the 'Leavers' experience in the future. Whether it means inviting them all back in September or something totally different we are not sure but for now, all they need to know is that we are on the case!

Foodbank Collection (see right):

All the food that was kindly brought in before we closed has now been collected by the Hope Centre. They could not believe how much there was! They also said thank you for the cards that were made for their elderly visitors.

Thank you for all your support on this, it will certainly go to good use and help some of the city's most vulnerable families.

Speak to you all soon and take care.

Mr I. Johnson

