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Coronavirus Update #6

Packed Lunches:

I just wanted to start this update with a huge thank you to all of you who were able to send your child in with a packed lunch today, and hopefully the rest of the week. It has made such a significant difference in the kitchen and actually created a wave of excitement in the playground. It seems bringing in your own lunch is a huge highlight for children!! And again, another example of how we are all doing our bit to help each other out.

Attendance:

I have been approached by a few parents on the gate this morning about them withdrawing their child from school as they are currently on the school's 'Special Medical Needs' list and they wish to take this precaution e.g. their child has asthma (don't worry, you'll know if your child is on the list!). Please be advised that if you decide to do this, <u>you have our full support</u> and your child will be marked on the register accordingly.

Emotional Wellbeing:

As much as we try to shield the children from the emotional impact of what is happening around the world it has not escaped my attention that some children are coming to school really upset – and there are probably plenty more who are managing to hold it together without appearing worried or anxious. Just so you know, we have lots of staff in school who are on hand to talk to your child, sit with them for five minutes or generally just put a smile back on their face. So please do let the office know if you want your child to have a bit of additional help and/or a little bit of TLC! And the same goes for parents/carers, make sure you're talking to someone about what is happening and get support where you can.

Home Learning:

We are getting close to completing our Home Learning package. When it is fully up and running we will give you all the relevant information, usernames, passwords etc to get you set up. Apologies for the slight delay on this, I know we said we would have them ready before now, but it's proving quite tricky with so many absences. We're nearly there!

Thanks as always,

Mr I. Johnson