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To all parents/carers,

I might as well start every update with a thank you! The children, the staff, the parents/carers, you have all been fantastic during this highly unusual and difficult week! Although we do not know the full details of if or how school will be open next week I still wanted to get in touch this morning with an idea we have had amongst the staff. If these next two days are our last for a few weeks, then we want to make them as special as possible for the children and memorable for all the right reasons.

With this in mind, we are inviting all parents/carers to send their child in tomorrow with an item of food. Tins and packets are best, but anything that we can send to local foodbanks to help out. It is well documented in the news that foodbanks are low on supplies and by lending supporting in this way, and getting the children involved, that sense of community and belonging will be strengthened even further. We will also be adding items from our own fridges and freezers which would otherwise go to waste. Despite everything that is happening, there is some unbelievably powerful learning to be taken away from this for everyone.

Other ideas over the next two days, which we are currently working on, are letters and pictures for those who are elderly and vulnerable in the community, art for front windows in houses and on lampposts and loads more! The children have come up with some amazing ideas so watch this space.

Tomorrow will also be non-uniform day. The theme is bright - we want the children to wear the brightest thing they own and come prepared to have some fun.

That's all for now, but please expect another update later regarding the government's plans for schools being open to those vulnerable groups and children of key workers.

Have a good day and thanks again for all your kind words and well wishes via email and on the gate.

Mr I. Johnson