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### Coronavirus update #9

To all parents/carers,

Friday seems like such a long time ago now! In case you missed it, here is the link to the ITV Central news broadcast that was done in school:

<https://www.itv.com/news/central/2020-03-20/schools-across-the-midlands-close-to-combat-spread-of-coronavirus/>

Thanks to everyone who got involved and made the last school day, for most, one to remember. Another thank you as well for all your kind emails and messages regarding how everything has been handled at school. Receiving these has made things a lot easier to manage and given staff a timely boost during what has been a challenging time.

### Key Worker children and other children who have been selected:

Starting tomorrow, children of key workers (**both parents/carers have to be key workers to be eligible**) and other children who fall under 'vulnerable' categories, have been invited to attend school. The government have made it very clear that schools, if they choose to be open, will not be 'educational settings'. This means that the children who do attend will not experience a typical school day. The parents/carers of these children will be contacted and given the details of start/end times, plus other important information. Today the staff have worked hard to ensure that a staff rota is in place, including a designated safeguarding lead on each day - and a timetable of activities are in place. What I do so far is that all children will need to bring their PE Kit as 9:00am – 9:30am is Joe Wicks and some serious exercise!

### Free School Meals:

There is guidance that schools are being asked to follow regarding free school meals. If your child qualifies for a free school meal (not including those children who are eligible because they are in Reception, Y1 and Y2) then they will receive an E-Voucher which can be spent in a supermarket on a meal. As the guidance was quite late in coming, we are working as fast as we can to get this set up. If it means you do not get a voucher for the first few days, then we will make sure that there is extra 'in the pot' for your child for further down the line. The office will keep you up to speed with this as it progresses.

### Education City (and other aspects of the Home Learning package):

As I am sure you can appreciate, software such as Education City, which we have asked the children to access whilst they are off school, is inundated at the moment. We have contacted them and they have said: 'be patient, we are dealing with an unprecedented volume of traffic!' With this in mind, and I am doing this with my own son, perhaps use the first few days to get used to everything and then when things have calmed down a bit online, access it then.

That's all for now. I want to keep in touch throughout all of this so watch this space.

Take care everyone,

Mr I. Johnson