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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have had a good week and are getting used to your new routines. We want to take this opportunity to thank you again for following Government guidelines to keep children at home where possible to minimise social contact. It really does help to keep your families and our staff as safe as possible.

Next week is the start of what would have been our Easter holidays and we are writing to confirm the details for this. For most children, the two week Easter break will apply as usual. For this reason, for the next two weeks, schools will be open to **Key Worker children** only. This is to ensure that NHS personnel and key service workers are able to continue to go to work during this critical period in the fight against Covid-19. If you are a key worker and require a school place over the next two weeks, please make sure that you have let your school know so that we can ensure appropriate staff cover during this time. School meal provision is not available during this time so if your child is attending, please send them to school with a **packed lunch**.

For the next two weeks, teachers and support staff will continue to be on a rota to support key worker children in school. Teachers will not be setting new home learning throughout this time. Home learning recommendations will start again after the Easter holiday break in the week beginning Monday 20 April. Please feel free to continue any work that has been previously set or use any of the online suggestions shared by your school if you would like your child to complete any tasks.

Due to the small numbers of children expected in schools during this time, some schools in the trust will be clustering together for the next two weeks. Children of key workers from Weston Favell CE Primary School will be cared for at Headlands Primary School and key worker children from Thorplands Primary and Rectory Farm Primary will be cared for at Blackthorn Primary School. All other NPAT school arrangements to care for children of key workers will be as usual during this period.

Following the Easter holidays, we will be moving towards providing vouchers to children entitled to Pupil Premium Free School Meals only. Under the Government's scheme there will be no provision for Universal Infant Free School Meals. During the Easter holidays our schools will be setting this system up and you will be contacted by Edenred UK shortly with further details on how the scheme will work and how you can choose to receive your voucher. The vouchers will be provided on a weekly basis either by email or will be available from the school for those families that do not have email. Email arrival and collection times will be notified in due course. Please bear with us whilst we implement this new system. A voucher will be worth £15.00 per week per child to spend on food for your child from the supermarket.

Many thanks for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

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