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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents,

As you now know, all schools will be closed to most children from today until further notice, unless they are children of Key Workers.

**Key Workers**

We have now had further guidance as to who 'key workers' are and my communication this morning via the school email outlines our approach. We will be strictly adhering to this. **I would like to reinforce the key point that, if it is at all possible for children to stay at home, then they should.**

**Supporting the difficult decisions**

I am very aware that the decision for who can and can't come into school will be a challenge for some parents and will leave some of you under considerable pressure with childcare arrangements or, perhaps, feeling aggrieved that your child has to stay at home.

Please understand that we are following our Government's decision at a time of national crisis and we have to trust they are making their decisions with the best information available to them. We have a civic duty and social responsibility to do everything we can to support our local and national community in containing the spread of this virus.

As a school community you have been incredibly supportive of the work we have done and plan to do. I ask that this spirit of cooperation continues.

**Home Learning Packs (HLPs)**

As I outlined on Wednesday, we will be putting together HLPs for collection on Tuesday. The children will have their Home Learning for this week that they can do in a 'little more detail' on Monday. **We need the Home Learning Books to be returned on Tuesday when you collect the HLPs.**

The reason they will not be released until Tuesday is because staff have been concentrating on keeping things as normal as possible for the children and continuing with the planned teaching and learning timetable of this week, while still discussing and planning how best to support the children over the coming months. I would like the staff to have the weekend to rest and recover from a challenging week and start to prepare the HLP's that will be put together on Monday. Thank you for your understanding.

To ensure we maintain good social distancing and in an open-air area, the Home Learning Packs will be collected and dropped off on the school playground. We would like families to arrive at different times throughout the day on a Tuesday. Please only send 1 person to collect the HLP.

First letter of surname	Collection/Drop Off
A-C	8.30-9.30
D-J	9.30-10.30
K-R	10.30-11.30
S-Z	11.30-12.30

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### **Meetings, Events and Trips**

All meetings, events and trips that have been planned for the year ahead are postponed until further notice. This includes the SEN and Parents Meetings that were planned for the 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April. We will be considering how best we can update you on your child's progress in the coming weeks.

Refunds of deposits for trips will be arranged in due course if we are unable to reschedule them before the end of the year or they are cancelled.

### **Morning Club and After School Club**

These will be continuing as normal for those children who are attending school. John (Morning Club) and Vicky (After School Club) will be expecting to see the children who are coming to school next week unless you contact them to say otherwise.

### **Free School Meals and Lunches**

We understand that Dolce has contacted all parents about the lunch situation. Parents of children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and those who are entitled to Free School Meals will have been sent vouchers so they can claim a lunch 'Grab Bag'.

If you are a parent of a child in Reception to Year 2 or entitled to Free School Meals (in Years 3 to 6) please contact the school via email or phone by 9.00am by Monday to tell us if you would like to collect a lunch Grab Bag. It would be helpful to know if you intend to have a Grab Bag every day. You will be able to collect these from the playground every day at 12pm (midday). **Please only send one person to collect the 'grab bag' and do not come into the school.**

For parents of children who are in school they will not need to use the vouchers – the children can just say what lunch they want on the day.

### **Communication**

You can continue to contact the school via the phone (8.30am-3.30pm) or email the school office. Please use emails from the school office or website (Parent tab > Newsletters) as your only source of information about what we are doing as a school rather than social media or rumour. We will be in regular contact with you and be the first to tell you if anything changes.

### **Year 6 children**

We are disappointed that they are not going to have the opportunity to take their SATs and show how hard they have worked. They have been dedicated to the work and we are immensely proud of their effort, progress and achievement since the start of the year.

My promise and commitment to the children and parents is that, regardless of when we re-open, we will find a way of celebrating your time here at Standlake and have a proper goodbye with your friends and staff.

**Finally**, thank you to all the parents who have offered support and encouragement and words of kindness over the last few days – it has meant a lot to us.

Kind regards,

Andrew Denham