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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a lovely, safe weekend with your family.

As the school closure continues, we have had some parents make enquiries about their children attending our limited on-site provision. The government guidance around social isolation remains the same, so all children should be kept at home when it is safe to do so. We have included the flow chart, used by most Haringey schools, again on the back of this letter.

We really appreciate the effort being put in by many of our critical worker parents, in keeping their children at home, even when they have important work to do from home. This is not easy, as many of our teachers can testify.

If you are a critical worker, and feel you have reached a stage where keeping your child at home is no longer safe and/or viable, please contact me via the school's email address. Please be aware that I will still respectfully need to ask you questions to unpick why you feel you may need to access this service, and will still require proof of critical worker status. This is so we can continue to keep the number of children in school to a minimum, thus minimising any risk of infection to our staff, other children and to your own child.

For those parents who have a child entitled to free school meals, you should have received an email for the Edenred website, which is now the main way we are distributing supermarket vouchers. Please email the school if you are having difficulties with this.

If you feel a change in circumstances means you may now meet the criteria for free school meals, please contact the school to let us know. Below is reminder of the criteria for free school meal entitlement:

- Universal Credit providing you have net earnings of less than £7,400 a year (£616.67 a month)
- · Income Support
- · Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- · Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- · Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit
- · Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- · Child Tax Credit (providing you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by HMRC)

If in any doubt, please email us and someone will call you back. Even if you do not meet the criteria, but are having difficulties with buying food for the family, please email us. We will keep everything confidential and we may just be able to help.

Yours sincerely,

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