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Dear Parents

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Tomorrow will mark a new style of teaching and learning for our children in Nursery and School. For the vast majority of pupils and staff, this will involve digital lessons from home. As you can imagine, the move to digital learning will be a completely different way of teaching and learning for both pupils and teachers. Inevitably, there may be some teething problems and we review the first week of digital learning over the Easter Holiday and adjust our provision accordingly should it be required in the Summer Term. Feedback from pupils and parents to the teachers will ensure that this is a positive experience for all.

Further details of the digital provision to all children in Nursery will be sent to you tomorrow. A comprehensive range of activities and resources will be posted daily.

For vulnerable children and the children of key workers, School and Nursery will be open from 7.30am to 6.00pm. The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of Covid-19 is clear. If children can safely stay at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. The Government has asked parents to keep their children at home wherever possible and schools may remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. The fewer the children in Nursery and School, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. **Fairstead, like all schools and childcare providers, is only able to provide care for a limited number of children; children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and who cannot be safely cared for at home whilst their parents work.**

Many parents deemed as 'Key Workers' will have partners who are able to care for their children. This must happen. **Every child who can safely be cared for at home, must be.** Only if your work is critical to the Covid-19 response or you are one of the critical workers and you cannot keep your child safe at home or do not have a partner who can, there will be provision for supervision in Nursery and School.

Many thanks for your understand and co-operation at this extremely difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynda Brereton".

Lynda Brereton
Head