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Dear Parents and carers,

Following the Government's announcement yesterday regarding schools, I wanted to update you with what we know currently. Schools are being directed by the DfE to remain open to:

- Provide support to ensure that parents who are key workers (to be defined) are able to go to work during this time of national emergency
- Provide support to the families with children who have EHCP's and to those children who have a social worker.
- Co-ordinate support for children in receipt of free school meals as part of an anticipated national voucher scheme

As I write this today at 2:30pm I have still not received details of the keyworker list nor any further details of our new revised responsibilities.

As soon as we receive it and are able to revise our plans, I will update you as I am acutely aware of the need for clarity.

What is happening in the meantime at BFJS?

- Business as usual tomorrow (Friday) in line with the continuing guidance around Covid-19
- Year group assemblies will be held tomorrow to celebrate achievement and also to help the children to process the anticipated changes ahead
- An exercise book has been sent home with all children in advance of working at home from next week onwards
- We will be allocating home learning activities via eschools from tomorrow for all those being educated at home. **Please check that your child knows their eschools log-in tonight (written in their pupil passport) and let us know tomorrow if not**
- Asking children to take PE kits home

The home learning will take the form of the following straightforward weekly tasks:

- 5 Maths activities
- 2 Reading activities
- 1 Writing activity
- 1 Grammar and 1 Spelling activity
- Current project tasks
- Links to other continuous learning provision

I will communicate with you all again as soon as it is significant to do so.

Regards,

Ross McTaggart
Executive Headteacher

