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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you are all keeping well and managing during this uncertain period.

School is still temporarily closed until further notice, due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This is a difficult time for all of us and we eagerly await the time when we can all get back to school and some form of normality. In the meantime, we are continuing to provide support for our key worker parents and children in school.

The teachers are continuing to post work on our school website and are available through the individual email addresses. They all emailed you last week and would love to hear from everyone to find out how you all are and to look at any work that your children have done during 'lockdown.'

FSM vouchers

The school has purchased these from Edenred for those children in receipt of free school meals. This is a Government directed scheme and sometimes the system becomes backlogged due to the sheer number that is being processed across the country at one time. Thank you for your understanding and patience currently. If you do experience difficulties with uploading the vouchers, then please email barton@barton.dfamat.com and we will try to assist you with your query.

Please also check your junk mail folder and look for an email from Edenred if you have not received them yet.

Ongoing support for our parents, carers and children

Just a reminder that we are here for you during this difficult time. During the school day you can phone 01304 201643 and speak to a member of staff who can signpost you to support or you can email barton@barton.dfamat.com or barton.safeguarding@dfamat.com , shatterlocks@slocks.dfamat.com or shatterlocks.safeguarding@dfamat.com any time and we will do all we can to assist you.

There is support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

<https://parentinfo.org/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

<https://www.lgfl.net/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>(support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> (tips, advice, guides)

Resources to promote and support children and young people's mental wellbeing include: <https://www.minded.org.uk/> , which is relevant for parents and carers, as well as volunteers, teachers, and other professionals working with children.

Every Mind Matters <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>platform which supports looking after your own and other's mental health

Guidance on looking after wellbeing and mental health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-mental-health-and-wellbeing-aspects-of-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance on supporting children's wellbeing and mental health -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Stay home, keep safe and hopefully we will all be back together at some point in the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need help or support.

Yours Sincerely

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