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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what a week that was! I am sure like me the news we received on Monday night at 8:00pm was not quite what we were expecting - I expected a national lockdown and I suspected that school closure would come but not straight away!

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have made the switch to remote learning and the reorganisation of our bubbles for Emergency Care. The children are now organised into year group bubbles and will follow the same teaching as the children working from home. We have amended our arrival and departure times and these are shown in the table below. As we have less children in school we have been able to narrow down the gap between the different year groups in the hope that this will help you at drop off and pick up.

### Arrival and Exit for Emergency Care and Vulnerable Children

Year group	Arrival time	Exit time	Entrance
Nursery	08.30am 12.20pm	11.30am 03.20pm	Gate E Nursery entrance
Reception	08.50am	03.20pm	Gate A Link corridor
Year 1	08.50am	03.20pm	Gate C Year 3 door
Year 2	08.45am	03.15pm	Gate A Link corridor
Year 3	08.45am	03.15pm	Gate B Year 3 door
Year 4	08.45am	03.15pm	Gate C Year 4 door
Year 5	08.50am	03.20pm	Gate D Main entrance
Year 6	08.45am	03.15pm	Gate D Year 6 door

### Remote Learning

The majority of children in school this week have had access to at least one live lesson from their teacher. We hope to continue this throughout school closure, working towards the children getting between 2 and 3 lessons every day from their own class teacher or the teacher from their year group. I would ask that you continue to be patient

with teachers as they find their way with this, because we have had the platform and training in preparation but it is nothing like actually doing this for real! Staff have worked really hard this week to get up and running and there have been trials and tribulations along the way-one teacher even fell off their chair in the middle of a lesson! I am immensely proud of their efforts this week! I will also be joining the teachers in attempting to deliver assemblies via a Microsoft live event, that you will be able to access using a weblink. As with live lessons this can be accessed outside of the scheduled time to enable parents working from home to have some flexibility as to when it is watched. The link will be sent out on Monday.

I hope that all children at home are managing to access these lessons and would remind you that for technical support we have a designated email to support you [techsupport@accordmat.org](mailto:techsupport@accordmat.org) There is also a great deal of information on our website. We have received lots of messages of support from many parents and these have been well received by teachers and I thank you for taking the time to do this-it means a lot.

### **Wellbeing communications**

Class teachers will be making phone calls in the next week or so to check in with how the children are doing whilst working remotely, if you do have other issues that you wish to raise then it may be necessary for staff to pass on the information to someone else in school.

### **A box of books!**

At the bottom of the drive just inside the front gates we are going to leave a box of blank exercise books during school opening times, which you are welcome to collect for your child to work in at home should you require this. Please also let your class teacher know if you require other resources and we will do our best to accommodate this.

### **Wraparound care**

Following my communication yesterday regarding wraparound care I wrote this morning to clarify the school's position and to apologise for any stress that this may have caused (this is the last thing any of us need at the moment). This closure is temporary during the current period of national lockdown and will be reviewed as soon as we are able to open. Please contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

That just leaves me to say a final thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend and stay safe!

Yours sincerely,



Miss JK Tomlinson  
Executive Principal