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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of our first week, I thought I would write to keep in contact and let you know all the staff at Queensway are thinking of you and your family. It has been a very strange experience in school this week: we started on Monday with 25 children, but this decreased to 9 by Friday. Obviously this is reflective of the Government's plea for Key Workers to only send their child to school if absolutely essential, i.e. if other childcare arrangements can't be sought. We have been trying to adhere to social distancing whilst in school, with children spending large parts of the day playing outside, with the exception of time we are setting aside for children to complete their home learning.

Home Learning: Teachers will have posted next week's home learning on the class blogs by midday today. We have been contacted by some families asking for teachers to contact them directly and provide more work for their child. This is not possible. Once you have worked through the weekly work plans then please refer to the recommended websites. We will endeavor to set work which does not require printing.

Class blogs can be found via the class pages on the school website:
<http://www.queensway.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=32>

Support for parents: Debbie will be contacting some families during the closure period either by phone or WhatsApp videoing. This is to check things are Ok and if you require signposting anywhere.

Easter opening: After consulting with a number of Key Worker parents, it seems the demand for Easter opening is incredibly low therefore we are hoping to close over Easter to allow for deep cleaning. However if you are a Key Worker and have no other means of childcare please contact us by Monday 30th March and we will be able to sign post you to the Local Authority who may be able to find another school for your child to attend.

Join in the Easter fun: As we can't hold our usual Easter bonnet/colouring competition I thought it would be fun for families to post on our Facebook page photos of their child's Easter efforts. Let's see how creative we can be! <https://www.facebook.com/Queensway-Primary-School-2343858765881705/>

Information for Key Workers and vulnerable families using Queensway childcare: As per the email sent on Tuesday 24th March to particular families, please notify the school office by Friday at noon with your childcare requirements for next week: Office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk

Information for families who are in receipt of Free School Meals: As per the email sent on Wednesday 25th March to particular families, please notify the school office if you require a packed lunch and your choice of sandwich filling for next week: Office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk

Again the deadline is Friday at noon. **Please note: from Monday 30th March we will not be doing any home deliveries. All ordered packed lunches must be collected from the school reception.** Sadly, we were left with lots of uncollected lunches this week. Please only order lunches if you are planning to collect them. We are waiting on supermarkets to get back to us regarding e-vouchers moving forward. We will keep you updated.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you need any further clarification or support.

Keep well,
Mrs Sarah Horbury Jakeman
Head Teacher