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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have digested at least some of last night's news about the new lockdown. Although it was probably not entirely unexpected, I think the speed of the lockdown probably took us all a little by surprise. However, we have been expecting something like this and we are well prepared which is why we have only had to shut for one day. We have a Remote Learning policy in place, which will start tomorrow, and we are ready to reopen and set online learning. Please contact us if you have any worries over using Google Classrooms. Please use Oak Academy in the meantime to support your child's learning.

I wanted to share with you what we will be doing to help continue your child's education. Although there are many similarities with the school lockdown last year, there are some definite changes.

First, we are offering online teaching slightly differently this time. This time, we are not just revising previous learning but we are continuing our current provision as much as we can. To do this, we are using Google Classrooms as an online platform, as well as paper versions of the work if you request it. We will be uploading some videos each day of your teachers teaching to support your child's learning, and we will be offering daily feedback, which you can upload to Google Classrooms for marking. Your teacher will be sending a Dojo message to you explaining how it will work specifically for your child's class. Our aim is to minimise lost learning and try to continue to teach your child as if they were in school. We know this will be tricky but we want to aim high and expect the best from everyone.

We are also offering full time schooling to all children of critical/key workers and vulnerable children. We will contact you if your child is able to attend school. This is not child-care but teaching in school using the same resources that are offered at home. Please can children wear normal school uniform when they attend school. Can they also wear PE kit and Forest School's clothes to school on Tuesdays and Thursday as these will continue during lockdown.

If your child is allocated a place in school, the timings have now changed. Below are the new timings for collection and drop-offs.

	Drop Off	Pick up	Entrance
<i>Group 1 – Year R to Year 3 -</i>	<i>8.45am</i>	<i>3.00pm</i>	<i>Robins outside class door</i>
<i>Group 2 – Year 4 to Year 6</i>	<i>9.00am</i>	<i>3.15pm</i>	<i>Owls outside class door</i>

Please send your child to the later drop-off and earlier pick-up if you have siblings in both classes.

Breakfast club will still operate for key worker/vulnerable children. This starts at 8.00am (enter via kitchen door) and will be up and running tomorrow as normal.

We thought it would be fun to also offer a weekly Zoom Celebration Worship open to all children whether they are in school or at home. This will be a chance to celebrate all the good things that have happened in school and at home, and to gather together as one Coaley family once a week. This will be held once a week, every Friday, at 2.30pm. I will send out the link separately later this week.

Please know that we are all here to help you in any way we can. We will make sure that we are in contact with you every week, either via Google Classrooms or via a phone call home. Please use Dojo or Google Classrooms to contact your child's teacher, and you can always ring us in school or email us for a chat. Please know that you are not alone and we are here for you and your families. The next few days might be a little bit bumpy as we all get used to the new normal but we will all look forward to the day when we can all be together again in school, learning loads and having a great time.

Take care and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard Lucas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Lucas

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