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Dear Parents and Carers

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I hope this email finds you well, under these rather strange and difficult circumstances. I write this from a very quiet school! We are still open but most of our 'keyworker' families are able to, and have chosen to keep children at home at this time. I presume and hope that this is without relying on any 'vulnerable groups' to support childcare. Staying at home is what we are being urged to do by the government, but I want to stress that if you are on the 'critical worker' list and need your child/ children to be here, then please know that we very much want to support you. We want to do all we can to allow the critical workers to help the country get through this period, whilst everybody else has the important role of staying at home. I just ask that you let us know in advance if your situation changes and think you may need to send your child/ children to school (as long as you are listed on the 'critical workers' list). Where possible, I am asking staff to work from home and would need to ensure that I have organised for a teacher to come in.

Tomorrow I will be delivering hampers to families entitled to Free School Meals. Whilst this week they have been delayed, I expect that this will usually be on a Monday. I have spoken with the relevant families several times this week and they are now expecting this delivery tomorrow. I'd like to alert these families to be aware of email 'scams' that have been received by some families entitled to Free School Meals, asking you to send your bank details. If you're ever unsure of an email, feel free to call in to ask for our thoughts.

I hope that you have been able to use this week, where possible, to relax and settle in to all being at home together. The 'Learning from Home' tab went live on Monday and there is enough for children to do over the next few weeks and beyond. Some families will use this time creatively in a way that suits you, and some will rely more heavily on the suggestions on our website. If you would like help in any way, then please email office@slindonprimary.co.uk or call us on (01243) 814330. Equally, if you feel that there is something at school which you would like to support learning from home, please let us know and we will endeavour to get it to you.

I will keep you updated as and when necessary, but we are relying on you to get in touch if you need to. We are a loving and caring community and want to support each other as best we can.

With very best wishes,

Lucy Cooper