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Dear Parents/ Carers

### **Covid- 19 Updates**

This will be the last day of school for many of our children for quite a while. Can I thank you for your patience and understanding at this very unusual time. We really do have amazing parents, staff, Governors and children at Old Church who have all come together to support each other. We are very privileged.

### **Free School Meals**

The Government have not as yet given us definitive advice on what to do about free school meals. There are lots of rumours going around but it is due to come out later today. We do know at the moment:

- Universal Free School Meals has been suspended for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- However, if you are on certain types of benefits you can apply for Free School Meals. The information and Forms are on Walsall LA website. We urge you to do this as a matter of urgency

We are having a meeting at 2pm today with our suppliers to know what our options are. I will let you know as soon as I can.

### **Vulnerable Groups and Key Workers**

Thank you to all of you for your swift responses for this. My Leadership team have done an amazing job of turning this around today with a plan for those children who will be in on Monday. I want to emphasize that this will be a child care service and children will not be taught the National Curriculum. May I reiterate if any child or family member is displaying symptoms they will have to isolate for 14 days.

Children who are coming to school on Monday will:

- Be expected to wear school uniform as normal
- Be in school for 8:50 and be collected from main entrance at 3:10. Because of staffing issues I will not be opening Dorsett Rd.
- Be able to access Breakfast club at 7:45 am to 8:15 at the latest.

I feel incredibly sad writing this as we will not be seeing all the children for a considerable time. They will miss out on all the fun things we do. However, when they are back we will make it up to them with the biggest party in the World!

I will endeavour to keep you up to date through Marvellous Me- we are so pleased that we purchased this. You may not be in school but you are still our families who we care a great deal about.

We will all get through this if we stay positive. I will be sending out information from Rev Nicola Woodcock next week about how to access spiritual guidance if you would like support at this difficult time.

Have as lovely a weekend as you can.

Kind Regards

Davina Clacy, Staff and Governors.