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Dear Parents/Carers and Staff,

Updates

- Over the course of the weekend and today we have:
 - Been canvassing staff to gain a sense of the number of staff that will be able to work in a pupil facing role after Easter. This will enable us to plan and allocate our provision.
 - Been liaising with the 'Disabled Children's Team' so that after Easter both services are able to jointly offer support to the families most in need.
 - Been working on a form that will soon be disseminated to parents / carers, to help us identify levels of need.
- Reports suggest that, after Easter, we will be at, or approaching the peak of the Coronavirus. We are anticipating that we will still be trying to minimise the number of pupils and staff on-site, to prevent the spread of the virus, and that we will remain open at the Loose Site to support those pupils who are safer at School. We fully understand and sympathise that by this point things may have become increasingly challenging for you at home; we do however ask you to respect the very difficult decisions we are constantly having to make and the fact that we will have to prioritise support, based upon our capacity.
- Whilst we are in a very fast moving situation we hope that as the social distancing measures that the Government have introduced have an impact on the spread of the virus, we will be able to gradually increase our capacity to support pupils in School.
- Huge thanks to Sutton Valence School who have made us 10 visors for our frontline staff; they will provide added protection and reassurance to staff during these very difficult times.
- Welcome back to the staff that are returning to work following illness – it is fantastic to have you back!
- We have issued staff with 'key worker' letters, so that they are able to provide evidence of their need to travel to / from work.

Take care all.

Kind regards

The Senior Leadership Team

