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### IMPORTANT UPDATE

Dear parents,

Following the Government's decision **NOT** to close schools I have met with staff today and we have put in place the following additional procedures.

First and foremost my priority for staff, parents and children is to keep everyone safe. If parents decide to keep children at home then they will have authorised absence and this could be for a number of reasons.

In school we are taking the following action:

- Hand washing at the start and end of every session
- Also following toileting/before eating
- Tables will also be wiped down at the end of every session
- Children will be supplied with their own named pencil
- Other equipment will be cleaned and monitored carefully
- Outdoor 'brain breaks' mid-lesson to get some fresh air

Other actions

- All assemblies and trips will be cancelled for the rest of this term. We will reassess after Easter.
- Staff will provide a pack this week which will include a brief report on your child's progress, a list of home learning links (also on website), an exercise book and pencil to work in, lists of spellings/phonics and at least 2 reading books.
- We encourage children to complete home learning in short bursts (30 mins) and focus on Maths and English. Many of our resources have their own marking systems so please support your child by marking together and get them to practice and learn from their mistakes (as we do in school). Staff will update resources on our website or through our text system and any contact should be made through our [office@sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk) email address. We aim to keep learning fun and interactive.
- This will also be the case if the school has to close.

We will go ahead with our Mother's day secret room but this will be the last PTA event for a while. We will take a view on the Easter Egg hunt since this will depend on whether we are still open.

These are unprecedented times and I do understand that the Government is delaying school closures in order to support workers. I never thought that I would be finishing my term in such circumstances but hopefully we can have a proper celebration (as planned) at a future date. If you have any questions please do not worry and do not hesitate to contact me. Can I finally add that I have loved every minute of my time here – it has been a privilege to watch the children develop and thrive and I could not have done it without all your support –

**THANK YOU.**

*Sharon Williams*

*Head teacher*