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Dear Parent/ Carer.

There is a traditional Chinese curse that says, "May you live in interesting times." Well these certainly are interesting times. I am finding it hard to believe that we are closing our school gates from 3 pm today to the majority of children until further notice. At the moment we have no idea how long this closure will last for, but we will keep in touch with you all. Rest assured that we will reopen as soon as we are able to.

We have made arrangements to keep school open for the children of Key workers requiring childcare and for vulnerable children. We have contacted all of the families who we believe to be eligible for this provision. If we have not contacted you and you feel that you should be included in the category of Key Worker, please either ring school or e-mail us using the following address, [bursar@morecambebay.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@morecambebay.lancs.sch.uk).

For those of you who are entitled to Free School Meal provision, your child will be provided with a meal pack which will provide a basic breakfast and lunch for 5 days. These packs will be available for you to pick up from school between 1pm and 3:30pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for next week. We will keep you informed of continued arrangements past next week.

Food Club sessions will run on Wednesdays between 12:00 and 1:00 from Miss Kay's classroom, via the playground door. We are asking that participants attend and pick up as quickly as possible, maintaining social distancing advice whilst on site.

Weekly Food Bank parcels will also be available for distribution on Wednesday afternoon from school. These will include basic larder requirements and we expect that baby milk and nappies will also be offered, subject to availability. At present this offer is open to anybody unable to access sufficient provisions by any other source, if demand is too great we will have to apply eligibility criteria to further weeks. If you would like to access this service please make an e-mail request to [bursar@morecambebay.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@morecambebay.lancs.sch.uk) by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 5pm.

We are trying to set up a hub to offer CAMHS, (mental health provision for children and young people), support from Children's Family Well Being Service, that would offer drop-in services on a regular basis to our community. I will keep you informed about arrangements as they become clearer.

Working from home packs are available on our school website for all year groups and these will be refreshed on a regular basis by your child's teacher. The packs contain enough work for approximately two weeks at a time, please try to support your child in completing this work, it will help to maintain a structure to their day and to prevent them from falling behind in their learning.

The web site has a learning page where lots of resources/online learning can be accessed. Our school website is [www.morecambabay.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.morecambabay.lancs.sch.uk) you will need to click on "children", "useful information" and the "work for home". When you reach the page there will be a green square that takes you to our on-line learning wall and a drop down link for each year group with work set by your class teachers. If you wish to raise a query with your child's teacher their e-mail addresses are available on the drop down section in the covering letter.

Please take care of yourselves in these incredibly challenging times. Rest assured that we are still here, helping our community as we always do, for as long as it is possible to do so. Your kindness and support in the last week has been so welcome. In the 20+ years that I have been a Headteacher I have never dealt with anything on the scale of this, but we have got through it by working together and caring for each other. My staff and I love this school community dearly and count ourselves blessed to work with you all. When this thing is beaten and it will be, we are going to have the mother of all Morecambe Bay parties.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Collingwood