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Dear Parents,

Firstly, thank you all for your support so far, I am sure you will all agree that this is a very challenging and unique time for everyone.

I wanted to write to you all to update you on our decisions regarding events coming up in the next couple of weeks.

As you are aware we took the difficult decision to postpone Mother's day lunches this week. We will rearrange these once we have a better understanding of what is happening. Should you not be able to attend the new dates then we will issue refunds through Parent Pay accounts. With the parent lunches being postponed children will not need packed lunches and can order a school dinner each morning as normal.

The menu choices for these two days are as follows:

	Red Band	Green Band	Yellow Band	Purple Band
Wednesday	Savoury Mince Potatoes and vegetables	Vegetarian sausage Potatoes and vegetables	Jacket Potato	Tuna Baguette
Thursday	Chicken Burger Salad	Vegetarian Burger and salad	Jacket Potato	Cheese roll

The advice at the moment is to limit visitors coming in to school therefore the following events/ activities have been cancelled:

- Parent's evenings.
- Assemblies
- Buddy Boot camp (Year 4)
- Netball
- Cross County final
- Swimming
- SEN meetings and reviews

- Governor meetings
- School Trips
- FAPS Mother's day gift (due to low stock levels of our planned gifts, this event cannot continue as planned, however FAPS have put together a small gift which children will personalise and bring home this week, this is out of everyone's hands and FAPS will be happy to offer refunds to individuals or funds will go into the fundraising pot)

We are asking that any Parents that are feeling unwell do not come in to hear children read, but also thank parents for their continued support.

Information is changing all the time and I will try, where possible to provide daily updates once these have been received from the Local Authority. I will be using the school website and Facebook Page to post these updates. Should you not have a Facebook account you can still access these updates via our website on the Social Media Tab. We will also use the school text system for shorter communication.

I will be setting up a page on our website a page for Home learning, which parents/ children can access to support any children who are self isolating.

We are trying our absolute best to keep things as normal as possible for our children, but I am sure that this is going to become increasingly difficult over the next few days. I have little doubt that at some point in the near future, the government guidance is likely to result in a significant reduction in the number of staff being able to come in and work in the school. This may mean that we might have to partially close the school or reduce the school day to ensure that all children are supervised.

Should the government make the decision to close schools, we will plan learning opportunities for all of the children

I would like to personally thank the whole team here at Abacus for being so flexible and helping out wherever is needed.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Blakeley