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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your kind words of support during this very challenging time. As you know, we had less than twelve hours warning, to move to remote learning and provide education for critical workers and vulnerable children! The team here have worked tirelessly and we are now ready to teach live through TEAMS and of course, teach the children in school.

We understand that there is a sense of worry with regards to the use of technology – we will do our best to support you to resolve any issues. We can provide paper copies for the remote learning, so if you have not requested one, then please do so directly through the TEAMS channel.

For the children in school, we expect them to wear their uniform each day, unless they have PE. Each teacher will be in touch to confirm this day. Please use the allocated gates for drop off and collection, including the 'football gate' for Y3 as per communication on Monday. If your child/ren have been allocated a place, it is important that they attend school. If your child does not attend on more than one occasion when they are expected to be in school, this offer of a place will be removed- as you can imagine, we will not have time to chase. Please only send the children into school with a lunchbox, drinks bottle and coat. All reading books will continue to be quarantined for 72 hours in school, before being reallocated.

We are slowly being given information from the Department for Education and the Local Authority and are waiting on further guidance with regards to Free School Meals. However, for children on site, please order lunches in the usual way.

Whilst we understand this is a very challenging time for all, the government guidance is updated on a regular basis. Therefore, please be prepared to be flexible and patient with us, as we make the necessary changes when required.

Please do continue to keep a close eye on the school website <http://www.hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk/web> follow our Twitter Feed [@HardwickePrima1](https://twitter.com/HardwickePrima1) and our FaceBook page. Should you need to contact us, please do so via email to slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk as the phone lines are very busy!

Thank you once again for your continued support
Yours sincerely

Headteacher

*Love your neighbour as yourself.
We care, learn and achieve... together.*