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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all had a good week and that you are all safe and well.

New School

I wrote to you last week to inform you that our new school is nearing completion, that we will be moving in soon and that there will be a short period of school closure to enable us to move everything from both the Infant and Junior sites to the new school. I can now confirm that we will be taking 4 additional INSET days to enable the move and these new INSET days will be as follows:

Friday 26th March, Monday 29th March, Tuesday 30th March and Wednesday 31st March.

Please note that there is already a planned INSET day for **Thursday 1st April** and the Easter holidays begin on **Friday 2nd April**, Good Friday. **(These Inset Days are for Owlets children too).**

We appreciate that this move comes soon after the children will hopefully be returning to school, but the timing is unavoidable. We hope that by informing you today, we are giving you enough time to make appropriate arrangements for your children. Please note that for the duration of our move – **26th March to 1st April** - there will be no online learning as teaching staff will be helping with the move and making sure that everything is ready for when the children join us at the start of the Summer Term.

Regardless of when we move into the new school building, the official amalgamation of the two schools will take place on 1st May 2021.

Severe Weather

Whilst not all children are attending school or Owlets at present, I thought it would be useful to remind parents of our arrangements during severe, snowy weather conditions. Should we experience heavy, disruptive snow, a decision to open or close the school will be made in accordance with the number of teachers who are able to get to school, some of whom travel from quite a distance. The decision will be made by **7.30am** at the latest on each day that we experience heavy snow. Parents will receive a text message stating whether or not we are open shortly after this time and we will put a message on our website and our school and Owlets Facebook page.

If the school does remain open, we ask that you send your children to school with warm coats, hats, gloves, scarves and importantly, wellies so that they can play in the snow. Please note, they will not be able to play in the snow without wellies.

Wellbeing

Please see below for information about a course designed to support families during lockdown:

Look After Your Family's Wellbeing during Lockdown - Free Online Workshops

Are you finding it challenging to look after your family's wellbeing during lockdown?

In partnership with Somerset Skills and Learning, Young Somerset are hosting a series of free online workshops to give families the right tools and advice to be able to support their wellbeing during lockdown. The course includes four consecutive, 2 hour sessions and will take place weekly on Monday evenings from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. This is a rolling course and will be repeated monthly. The first course began on Monday 1st February but parents and carers are able to join for the remaining 3 sessions this month.

To enrol on the course and for more information about each session please visit:

www.sslcourses.co.uk/courses/course/looking-after-your-families-during-lockdown-young-somerset/

Please contact ruthgavenlock@youngsomerset.org.uk if you have any questions about the course.

Have a good weekend everyone and please stay safe.

Best wishes

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Headteacher