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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable weekend even if it wasn't quite as action packed and activity filled as the ones that you have been used to.

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to email your thanks – it is great for our staff to know that their hard work is being appreciated. We are trying really hard to make sure that all of our children still feel that they are connected to Fishergate and their teachers. We think that being able to see their teacher is really important and in this week's senior leadership team meeting we will be assessing how we are doing in this department and what we could do to make things even better.

From tomorrow we will be welcoming staff from Naburn, as due to the very small numbers of children who need childcare it made sense to pool our resources. We are also going to be combining forces with St. Oswalds for the Easter holidays and then beyond. During Easter we will be providing the childcare at St Oswald's for the first week and Fishergate for the second. Then after the Easter holidays our provision will be delivered entirely from St. Oswalds and we will close Fishergate. Again, this is to optimise our resources and to give us more options when staff have to self-isolate. In order to keep our 'germ pools' separate the children will continue to be looked after by their own teachers and teaching assistants.

If you have a child in Key Stage 1 and you think that you might be entitled to free school meals then please consider applying. You may be entitled to apply for free school meals if you receive ONE of the following income-related benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit combined with **both** a household income below £16,190 per annum **and** not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee Element of state Pension Credit
- Universal Credit with annual household earnings of less than £7,400

If you have any questions just email admin@fishergateschool.com and Helen or Emma will help you out.

Remember that we can issue vouchers for a food bank if needed so please let us know if you need help.

Please note that we won't be planning any on line learning or assemblies for the duration of the Easter holidays. I am sure that you can understand that teachers have been under a huge amount of pressure over the last couple of weeks and they really need that two week break to decompress and recharge.

Tina Clarke