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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus/COVID 19 Update

Yesterday we all heard from the Government that the lockdown will continue for another 3 weeks.

We hope you are all staying safe and well and managing to keep your children entertained.

For those who are moving onto school in September you should have by now heard which school your child has been allocated. We hope that you are happy with your allocation. Now is the time to start talking with your child about what will happen when they move onto school and if you can have a look at the school's website and show them around.

Just a little reminder to upload any activities you are doing with your children to Tapestry and read and sign your child's report please.

To help with your child's listening and attention skills for this week's 'Activity of the Week' we have attached an I Spy activity. You could print this out and then sit with your child and look for the items together. Encourage them to 'tick' (make any kind of mark) the objects they have found which will also help with their fine motor skills.

If you do not have the facilities to print you could look at the picture together online or on your phone and ask them 'where is the...'. This will help with their understanding. If they cannot find the object after a pause of around 20 seconds, then you can give them a clue or point to it yourself and say 'here is the...'. If your child's language has not yet developed to this level simply point to the objects and name them, e.g. 'ball'. It all helps with their language development.

If you are looking for more inspiration for activity ideas, you can log into Tapestry from a browser and access the 'Documents' area of the website. Here you can find some useful ideas of activities which we have uploaded to keep your little ones entertained and continue with their development.

Also, if you don't already, we would recommend that you follow our Facebook page at 'Feversham First Steps Nursery' where you will be able to find more regular updates, information and activity ideas.

We would always recommend that you spend 10 minutes a day sharing a book with your child. As well as giving you some quality time together it will help build many skills they will need as they progress through nursery and onto school.

Meanwhile stay safe, everyone, and let us know how we can help if you need it.

We hope to see you all again soon and thank you for your continued support of the nursery through these unprecedented times.

- **For the latest advice and information on COVID-19, people are advised to visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirus**
- Stay at home
- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Do not meet others, even friends or family.
- You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.
- If any of your family develop symptoms of a high temperature and a new, continuous cough, follow the advice on the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. DO NOT visit your GP, pharmacy or hospital. If symptoms persist or get worse use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service - 111.nhs.uk/covid-19/ - **you should only call NHS 111 if you cannot get help online.**
- If you have an underlying health condition follow the [government advice](#)

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