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Dear parents and carers,

Update on remote learning

We currently have a large number of children in school which means that all teachers are in class. We are not in the position, as some schools may be, of having some teachers assigned to teaching children in school and some to coordinating home learning. Our teachers are having to balance both roles and we are committed to ensuring that all children, whether at home or in school, have access to the same broad and balanced curriculum.

As outlined in our Remote Learning Policy (which is available on the school website) we are not live streaming teaching but are providing a range of high quality resources to support those children at home which can be accessed at a time that is convenient to you. There will be a mix of direct teaching and independent activities as appropriate to the age of the children. Direct teaching will include PowerPoint/Smart presentations as well as links to instructional videos. The latter may be recorded by teachers in school or may be pre-recorded e.g. Oak Academy, Espresso, BBC Bitesize to name a few.

We understand that face to face contact between the children and teachers is important and this will be offered through Microsoft Teams. These meetings will be scheduled at least weekly, hopefully more often depending on staffing levels, and will be for pastoral support as well as catch up and academic support.

What to do if your child needs help

If your child needs help then they should in the first instance message their teachers. Please can they copy Miss Robinson, Mrs Heppenstall and Mrs Vernoum into emails for Mrs Eason, Mr McKay and Mrs Barrett respectively. Of course, you can do this on their behalf but please send queries using your child's school email account. Staff will respond as soon as possible. If the difficulty needs extra input from the teacher or ETA then we can arrange a face to face Teams meeting. This may involve other children but if it is 1:1 we ask that an adult from home stays in the room as we cannot hold 1:1 meetings with children unless another adult is present. If you do not have access to Teams or do not want your child to use it then we will make alternative arrangements.

Feedback on work

Teachers will offer feedback on work submitted and is it up to you and your child how often this is unless the teacher specifically asks for work to be sent in e.g. to enable them to gauge progress and plan next steps.

Engagement

In an ideal world all work should be attempted, however, we understand the demand that all this places on parents/carers and if you cannot manage everything then please focus on maths and English, including reading. **We ask that you or your child acknowledges emails from staff so we know that your child is engaging with the work.**

Home Learning packs

We have put together home learning packs to support children at home which you should have received. Please use as direct by your child's teacher.

I hope that this letter answers any queries you have but of course please contact us if not. Thank you for your patience and understanding as once again we find ourselves unable to have all children in school.

Best wishes
Maggie