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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Parent Update

We hope everyone is doing well. Again this week we have been really impressed with the work you are uploading onto Tapestry and Google Classroom. It is great to see what the children are getting up to at home and how they are progressing with the work the teachers are setting. If you are battling with technology, take a look at the Covid 19 section of our website – you will find step-by-step guides in our Remote Learning Offer document. Please do keep in mind that staff are available during school hours to answer any questions or offer encouragement and motivation if children are struggling to work at home.

Online safety lessons started this week – we strongly recommend that these lessons are completed, as all children are online much more than normal at the moment. We would also suggest that children are having regular breaks away from the screen throughout the day.

As you may have read in the press, the Government have extended Rapid Testing to primary schools. Today we received our tests. Staff have been allocated their test kits and have subsequently been asked to test every three/four days and self-isolate if the test shows a positive result.

Since the start of January, staff have worked in small teams for each bubble. If a member of staff within that bubble receives a positive test result, each adult who has worked within that 'bubble' will need to self-isolate for ten days. In addition to this, under the instruction of the Government we must then close the bubble to all children within it for a period of ten days. Children in that bubble will then need to switch to remote learning on Google Classroom or Tapestry depending on the year group. We will communicate 'bubble' closures through a letter to your email address. We appreciate that the short notice of this may cause issues for some parents and for that we apologise.

A few reminders...

Mrs Mewett has started her Teams drop-ins. If you feel you could benefit from this and would like some support with behaviour strategies or well-being etc, please contact her by email MMewett@educ.somerset.gov.uk.

Julie Carr delivered her first batch of craft packs last week; they are available to collect from the lobby area outside the school office. Julie is creating a new craft activity each week, so please do pop in and collect a pack for your children when you are out on your daily exercise.

There is support available from local foodbanks and if you need further information, please contact Mrs Mewett or Mrs Greene.

Half Term – school will be closed to all children during half term and staff will not be setting or responding to work on either of our remote learning platforms. We hope you will all use the week to have a rest and a well-deserved break from home-schooling, ready to continue on for the next term until we hear otherwise from the Government.

As always, we are here to help and support in any way we can, so please do get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Brazier
Acting Headteacher