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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for everyone's patience today and the continued messages of support for the team, it's lovely to know that our efforts are appreciated in these challenging times.

We have lots of messages to share with you so apologies for the lengthy letter, I'm sure that it may not be the last this week either!

Key/Critical Worker Provision

We have a rota of staff for the next 6 weeks to ensure that we can provide cover when you need it. Please do understand this provision is for the times that you are not able to care for your child at home because of your critical work. It continues to be important that we have as few children and members of staff on site as possible to minimise the person to person contact.

- Please book ahead (preferably 24 hour notice) via email
- Let us know if you will need to use breakfast club
- Let us know if you require a school dinner, thank you

Please understand that if your child is in school they may not necessarily be with their own class teacher. We will be operating in one mixed bubble. Children will be accessing the same remote education as children working from home as duty staff will still need to be managing the remote education for the rest of the school.

Remote Learning

I'm quite sure that our remote learning will evolve over time as staff and children (and parents) become more confident with the new system. We are very happy to receive constructive feedback over what has worked well and what is not working well.

We will not be able to replicate the live teaching that your child receives in school in the same way but we have lots of ideas and new things to try over time and will as a minimum, be posting a daily Maths, English and Topic lesson for completion in the short term.

Your child may complete classwork within the classroom or on paper. If on paper do send the class teacher a photograph or copy for them to be able to provide your child with feedback and move them on in their learning. Please note that staff will only be responding to children's comments/questions and emails within school hours. They do need time to prepare and mark.

Some glitches experienced already includes passwords not working and requests for classroom codes which are not required. In most cases this is because the device being used has remembered a previous and different google login. Please ensure that your device is logged out from other google accounts before logging onto classroom or use an incognito window to open a second google account.

Please contact your classteacher via email in the first instance if you are experiencing difficulties. Thank you.

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Please do let us know if you do not have a device or internet access. Our long awaited Chrome books have still not arrived and we have to have our current school devices reconfigured for them to be able to be used at home so please bear with us.

Daily Zoom Assembly and Class Briefing

From Monday 11th January there will be a daily zoom in the morning which will include a short whole school assembly. After the assembly we are going to trial the chance for children to join a zoom room to have a quick face to face and debrief with their classteacher. Zoom link to follow.

Weekly communication

As previously we will undertake a weekly phone call to ensure that we have spoken with every family during the week.

Once again thank you for your patience, and stay in touch.

Best wishes,

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Liz Orland

Headteacher