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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again for working with us this week whilst we have been putting in place the new arrangements. It has been another challenging week (and that was before today's snow!) and one that landed on us, once again, with no notice and no immediate guidance.

I would like to thank all the staff who have worked so hard this week to change their practical plans over to remote learning and the staff on duty in school this week who have managed remote learning for their class as well as working with some of our critical worker children.

Please do remember, that staff had not yet completed their training for the new remote learning system, the DfE had assigned us to one of their Edtech academies who were going to be working with us over the next half term to continue our learning journey. So we ask again for patience and understanding if we get a few things wrong and there are a few glitches. We will continue to build up our offer and the different opportunities available over the coming weeks.

I think, listening to some of the feedback we have already had, that remote learning is a little bit like homework, the amount will always be too much for some and too little for others. This week we have aimed to deliver the legal requirement of a minimum of 3 hours remote learning however, yesterday the DfE changed the requirements and as we understand it next week we will be required to provide 4 hours for KS2 children. We will share any new expectations with you after the weekend as we need time to read and digest the information!

We have to minimise the number of staff in school whilst still running safely for the few children who are able to attend the school however, we must have a qualified teacher on site. Therefore, please be aware that if your child's class teacher is the duty teacher that week they may not be able to respond to emails and submissions as promptly as when working from home. All staff have been assigned different roles and classrooms and will be building up their contact with the children over the next week or so.

Next week, we will be trialling a live session every morning via zoom at 10.00am. There will be a short act of whole school collective worship led by different staff members and then we will pop children into a break-out room with their class teacher to receive a briefing for the day. This will also be a time when they can see their classmates face to face and have the opportunity to have a question and answer session with the teacher. This link will be emailed separately.

Reminder - Key/Critical Worker Provision

Please do understand that this is emergency provision 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
- If you will require your normal school transport

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.

Reminder - Staff Contact

Please contact your class teacher via email in the first instance if you are experiencing difficulties with any aspect of the remote learning or google access. Thank you.

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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 give feedback.

Reminder - Covid testing

If your children are attending or have attended school so far this term please do remember to let us know if they begin to show any symptoms of Covid or you have taken them for a Covid test. We are still required to report all cases of Covid linked to our school. Thank you.

And finally, please do keep in touch with us and let us know how you all are, we will do our best to provide support in every way that we are able to with in the current restrictions.

Have a good weekend,

Best wishes,

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Liz Orland
Headteacher