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Dear Parents and Carers,

Remote learning provision

Following last night's announcement I am writing to you to inform you about the remote learning we will have in place for those children who will be working from home for the foreseeable. Clearly, as with everything at the moment, things will change and we will update you as quickly as we can. Please be patient with all staff who will answer your queries and questions as quickly as they can.

As a school we have had plans in place for this eventuality however the suddenness of the decision has led to final arrangements being made today.

The school had set up the Google Classroom facility for all classes and many of you have already used this when 'bubbles' have unfortunately been closed. Please contact us for support in accessing this provision if you haven't used it before or if you are having issues.

As a school we appreciate that for some of you juggling your own jobs, more than one child and the difficulties at times that technology presents, that managing home learning is not something you are looking forward too. All we ask is that everyone does what they can in the best way they can. Also, some of you will be wanting more work set than there is and we will provide links to other websites you can access. All we can do is to try and provide a balance of activities that support each of the classes across the school to the best of our ability.

Apart from Early Years each class will have work set for them by their teacher daily and this will be monitored as it is completed. This daily input will involve a variety of tasks covering English and Maths. Other subjects will be covered periodically during the week. Please bear in mind that teaching staff in school are still providing face to face provision for key worker and vulnerable children during the day. Instant feedback may not be possible. Also some staff are part time so there may be times when other staff support managing each classes provision. We are aiming that each class will be monitored each weekday from 9am to 3.30pm. Please be aware that we do not expect all of the children to be 'sat' working from 9 to 3 at home. For home learning we would recommend establishing a routine and focusing upon the core subjects of maths, reading/phonics and English as a priority.

From next week teachers will endeavor to have face to face contact with their class via Zoom or by other means on a weekly basis as we did before.

The provision in place for EYFS will also be slightly different reflecting their needs and age. The staff will put activities for the children to access on a weekly basis as they did when we were providing home learning last term.

Exercise books were provided for each child to use as 'home learning' books. These can be used for any of the home learning activities set on the Google classroom. Many children have photographed their work for each task and uploaded that into the classroom when they 'hand their work in'. We understand that some of these books were brought back to school by children in Miss Walton's class and Miss Bussey's class, a text message has been sent to all of the families in the classes to arrange for their collection.



Please understand that this is an ever changing picture and we may need adapt and amend as we go along. We are aiming for consistency of provision across the school but, again, circumstances may dictate that this may not always be possible all of the time.

We have worked very hard today to gain a picture of the numbers of Key Worker and vulnerable children who will use our school in the next few days. If your situation changes and you feel that you need to use this provision please contact us to discuss. We can't provide for anyone who just turns up as arrangements have to be in place. We will try to ensure that all children who are in need of a place will be granted one. However there are limits to what we can provide whilst still ensuring we meet the government guidelines and our risk assessments.

Rather than overload you all with any more information I will stop there. We will write to you further in the coming days with any further information needed.

These are again very difficult circumstances – ones we didn't envisage even when we broke up for Christmas. Thank you again for your support and patience.

S Webster
Principal

