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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, can I start this letter by saying a huge thank you to parents and carers for the fantastic support you have given to the school during this challenging time. As I am sure you can imagine, it's been extremely busy in school this week. It seems very surreal to think we were all in as a whole school on Monday and by Tuesday we had remote learning in place and there were no children attending our school.

Teachers have all commented on how appreciative they have been with regards to the regular communication they have received from parents and carers with regards to the children's remote learning and the encouragement provided for the children to complete the set learning tasks each day. We know that in addition to home learning, many of you have had to continue working on your daytime jobs as well and this is by no means easy.

We currently have 75 vulnerable and key worker children in school and credit must be given to how incredibly well these children have settled into their new routines and formed year group bubbles. It's very uplifting to still see the smiling happy faces of our key worker children. I know that some of you may be disappointed that you didn't receive an allocated space, but we had to select through our strict criteria as we had over 200 parents applying for a school place.

Well done and thank you to our home learning children as well. Teachers have all commented on the commitment that the children working at home have shown towards their learning and have enjoyed receiving the work and messages sent to them. The staff really do miss being with their class and school certainly does feel very quiet and empty at the moment. Please can we ask parents to bear in mind that as well as providing work and communicating with the home learning children, teachers and support staff are also in the classrooms at different points throughout the week and teaching in the classroom. This may mean on some days that there could be more of a delay on teachers responding to the children.

With regards to expectations for remote learning, teachers have sent timetables for the children to use to guide them through the tasks for each day. Parents have said that this has really supported the structure at home.

Some parents have expressed concern around being able to practically upload the work back to teachers throughout the day as they too are working. We appreciate that remote learning is extremely demanding on working parents time at home and so to support parents we will keep all of the work folders open until 9pm each night to allow time for the work to be uploaded. However, as I am sure you can appreciate that the teachers will not be expected to send feedback at 9pm each night and therefore work sent after school hours will then not be looked at until the following day.



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We are currently adapting our marking policy in light of remote learning procedures and this will be communicated to parents as this is confirmed.

Safeguarding still remains our priority as a school and we would always encourage parents to share and report any child protection concerns you have directly with the school. There will be a Designated Safeguard Lead on call each day during the school hours and we can be contacted through the school office or direct to my email address. Please do not ever hesitate to contact the school should you feel that the welfare or safety of a child is a worry to you. Where teachers have concerns around contact with children then this will be reported to myself and the deputy headteacher and we shall communicate with parents direct. Teachers and support staff will be making contact with children and parents through both video and phone calls each week. Each child will receive two video calls and a phone call from the teachers or support staff on a weekly basis

As I am sure that you can appreciate, the whole school remote learning system for education is still very new to us as a school and we will be constantly reviewing our school procedures. I am happy to take any feedback that the school can use to improve the provision that we are providing for the children. Teachers will of course be feeding parental comments back to the leadership team each day.

Once again can I thank you for the tremendous amount of support we have received from you all this week. Keep safe and look after yourselves and your families.

Kind Regards

Hayley Sutton
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