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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we are now one week into the National lockdown I would like to thank you for your support. We continue to work tirelessly to respond to Government directives and to provide high quality education even if this is a very different way of working via Showbie. We realise that the classroom experience cannot be replicated at home, and that due to the age of our children, they require supervision with tasks, which can be very difficult for parents or grandparents alike.

I know teachers appreciate the positive comments in the class discussions, and I would like to re-assure you that all work set on Showbie reflects what is being taught in the classroom every day. Work from Showbie does not need to be printed out (most can be copied onto paper) and work that is uploaded will be responded to as soon as possible, taking into account that staff are in class bubbles full time and not on a rota basis.

As it stands in school, every classroom has a bubble of children and numbers are restricted to reduce transmission rates and to keep staff, children and their families safe. If your child is accessing a critical worker place please do not send your child into school if your partner is at home or if you are not at work on certain days due to shift patterns.

Moving forward:

- The weekly food parcels will start tomorrow for eligible pupils
- Welfare phone calls will begin next week
- We are making resource packs that will be ready for collection next week
- We will continue to upload short staff videos onto Showbie
- Data SIM cards are available from school if you have limited data allowances
- The new role of our family liaison officer (Mrs Gibson) is in place to support families during this difficult time. She can be contacted on 0191 5947962
- Our catch up strategy will continue during lockdown and from next week supplementary videos will be on Showbie from a teacher called Mrs Feehally every Tuesday and Thursday. If you feel your child would benefit from these feel free to access them. All of our children made so much progress in the Autumn term in catching up on missed learning from the first lockdown and will continue to do so when this lockdown ends.

Again, thank you so much for working together during this pandemic and please get in touch if we can be of any help,

Kind regards,

Mrs C Smith

Head Teacher



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