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Dear Parents,

It has been quite the start to 2021!

Thank you for your patience and support as we transition to remote learning. As I am sure you can appreciate this is a very different way of operating, one which challenges each of us in many different ways.

Since the Prime Minister made his sudden announcement of school closures on Monday evening, staff have worked incredibly hard in school to ensure we can offer high quality remote learning, whilst also ensuring support for those pupils who continue to attend school at this time. Please engage with our remote learning offer as fully as possible, so that your child continues to make good progress.

We are aware that many of you will be juggling homeschooling with your typical day to day jobs and as such we endeavor to find ways to allow pupils to access work with minimal parental supervision. This will include the use of video and recorded messages, as well as regular online meetings with their class teacher. **It is essential that all pupils complete the work set for them via Google Classroom. This will be scheduled daily.**

- Sessions are compulsory and not voluntary
- Children are expected to be up and ready for the sessions and clothed appropriately. *In our guidance documents we have stated that children should be in school uniform. We are going to alter this to be realistic and request that children wear smart but casual clothes.*
- They are not to eat and drink while on the live sessions.
- All work is to be completed and 'Hand in' indicated via the Google classroom at the appropriate time scheduled by the class teacher.
- A lot of effort is made by the teaching staff in preparing and delivering the sessions and pupils are expected to take a full part answering and responding.

Each day your child should be engaging with approximately 3 hours (KS1) or 4 hours (KS2) of learning, in line with government guidance. This will be outlined clearly at the beginning of each week and will reflect as closely as possible their school curriculum timetable. Please encourage and support your child to be up promptly each morning and to keep a clear structure and routine to their day to avoid work mounting up.

Class teachers and leaders will monitor Google classrooms throughout the week. Once your child has completed a task, either online or in their books please ensure that they click 'Hand in' to notify school. **Any pupils not engaging with remote learning will be contacted by school.**

Support guidance for accessing Google classroom is available through our Facebook page and school website. If after consulting these materials, you require additional assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Again, thank you for your support and understanding. It has been lovely to see the minority of children who have been attending school over the last few days. We do miss the rest of the children but recognise in current circumstances it will not be possible for them to attend school for the foreseeable future. **Going forward we are only going to consider additional requests for essential critical worker school places each Thursday.**

During the first lockdown the strength of our school community shone through. Let us face current challenges together, in the hope of brighter months ahead.

Stay safe!

Miss Kathryn Fenwick

