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Dear Families,

Given the current situation, we all need to be ready to support the children's remote learning if another partial or full lockdown happens. All our teachers will ensure children have access to planned learning opportunities just as we did during the summer term school closure. Having got back into school this term, we will be working to keep the learning going for all children and we are sure that you will support us in this.

In order to keep everyone familiar with Google Classroom we have been setting homework using Google Classroom, and Tapestry for the EYFS. This may be a screen-based activity or not: for example, spellings can be uploaded and then practised away from a screen; or there may be a practical task such as cutting, drawing etc so that not everything is on screen. Please also remember to encourage your child's reading: even older children sometimes enjoy reading with a parent or family member.

All school staff will still have access to their emails, but please be sensitive around this: there is no expectation that staff will respond outside school hours; also please be aware that staff may be self-isolating or unwell, or have young children at home themselves to care for.

If your child needs to access learning from home, or when his or her teacher is having to self-isolate at home, there are a number of different scenarios to consider. There will be different levels of provision for children, depending whether it is the teacher or/and child who is self-isolating at home. Your child will receive some variation on the range of learning opportunities detailed in the table below, depending upon his or her age, circumstance and the circumstances of the teacher.

Finally, if you are having difficulty accessing a device to work on that is not a mobile phone, please contact us and we will help out, as we did through the summer term lockdown.

Yours sincerely,

Allyson Buckton
Headteacher

Different scenarios to ensure effective remote teaching and learning

Teacher/child circumstances	Teacher/school action
Child self-isolating and feeling well should follow the work set for each day, completing the work as required	Teacher uploads lesson materials onto Google Classroom in line with the lesson the child would have been taking part in
Whole class and teacher self-isolating	Teacher uploads lesson materials onto Google Classroom as per the lesson the children would have been taking part in, and is then available to answer questions from children through Google Classroom, supplemented by recorded video clips for explanation or correction of misconceptions as appropriate
Whole school closure for children due to major outbreak or local/national restrictions	As above, with agreed times for contact with class teacher so families with multiple children can manage access to devices at home
Individual teacher self-isolating and not showing symptoms of Covid-19, with no dependants under the age of eight	As above, with 'in person' cover for the class with a familiar staff member where possible
Individual teacher self-isolating and not showing symptoms of Covid-19, with dependants under the age of eight who need looking after	Teacher should upload lesson material and be available to answer questions from children via email if possible. If not, emailed questions to be answered for whole class via Google Classroom or recorded clips when demands at home permit
Individual teacher on sick leave with Covid-19	None. Cover will be set in class as normal.
Individual teacher on sick leave other than with Covid-19	None. Cover will be set in class as normal.