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Dear Parents and Carers,

Good Morning and welcome to our first official day as a remote learning school. I just thought I would write to explain a why certain things have happened they way that they have and what we plan to do over the next few weeks.

When we returned to school in September, we decided that we wanted to keep some of the things that we had implemented during lockdown such as google classroom and seesaw. We spent the first term working regularly with the children using these programs so that if we ever needed them again the children were more confident with using them.

Looking at the infection rates before we broke up for the Christmas holiday, we had no idea that we would be put into another lockdown and so we had started preparing but we were not prepared for such a quick lockdown. We did not get any advance notice of the lockdown and the guidance for schools was not released until after 11pm that night.

After speaking to lots of you during and after the first lockdown, we knew that in order to make remote learning as successful as possible we needed to make some changes. The expectations during this lockdown are very different from it was during the last one. For example, as a primary school we have to provide 3 hours of remote learning per day as well as monitor in detail who accesses the learning and to what extent.

The children have already missed a significant proportion of learning due to lockdowns and self-isolation so we need to ensure that they don't fall further behind in their learning.

After thinking about all of these things, we decided to add a timetable into the home learning for each day. This timetable was added just to help you structure the day like we would in school, feel free to use it as you wish or don't use it at all! It is a guide only and it may fit your family circumstances better if work was done at different time, that is not a problem. You may want to take advantage of the light and go for a walk during the day, again don't worry about it, adjust the learning as you feel works best.

We wanted the daily check for year 3,4,5 and 6 in google classroom so we had a chance to see the children and support them with their learning. We are very aware that the best place for children to learn is in school, and lots of you are busy with your own working from home activities. We felt that this would hopefully take some of the pressure off you by giving the children a chance to have work explained for them as well as seeing their classmates. If your child does not check in, we will send a message to let you know; however, it may well be that you are doing daily exercise or due to your work commitments cannot manage it. Please don't worry about this, just message your teacher on google classroom.

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We are very aware that all of this will (and has) led to teething problems, but we are really hopeful that as we go through the next couple of days then this will get easier for us all.

As we go through the next couple of weeks we will listen to any feedback and adjust our remote learning offer in order to try and support you at home. It may be that guidance changes or that we find that after taking on advice, we can improve our offer, in which case we will.

I will keep you informed as much as I possibly can and please feel free to ring or email us with any issues that you may have. At the moment, all staff are in school as normal and we will be happy to help in any way that we can. We are aware that every family has different circumstances and different ways of working so please be assured we understand that and just want to help you.

Take Care and thank you for your continued patience and support

Mrs Bradford

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