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Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Despite our plans for school to reopen for the new term tomorrow, you will have no doubt seen the statement from the Prime Minister instructing schools to move to remote learning with immediate effect and only remain open for those children classed as vulnerable and those who parents are critical workers. All other children will need to stay at home.

For those children who will still be attending tomorrow, the timing of their days will continue as they were before Christmas and full wraparound care will be available as required. This needs to be booked via School Money as usual. School dinners will be provided as usual for those in school and we will contact those in receipt of free school meals under separate cover to arrange for the supply of food parcels.

Our priority will be to ensure that all children are in a position to access remote learning online as soon as possible. We have work packs printed out and ready for each child to complete tomorrow and these will be available to collect from the school office from 9.30am.

Thank you to the majority of you who have completed the survey we issued earlier today; please can we ask that those who have not yet completed it to do so before the start of school tomorrow. This has helped us gauge how many children we are expecting in school, who does not have access to devices and which children are not aware of their e-mail address and password.

Over the course of tomorrow, we will be working to remind relevant pupils of their e-mail addresses and passwords so that they can access their “class” on Microsoft Teams and will also be issuing some simple instructions as to how the children can access this along with some rules of etiquette and engagement. We will also endeavour to find enough laptops to loan to those who do not have access to a device at home and will contact those families individually. It is our plan to provide a mixture of online and paper-based learning with some direct teacher input, and again more details will be provided in due course.

We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it’s far from ideal, but we’ll continue to keep in touch with any updates as necessary. We ask that you contact the school office in the first instance with any general queries, using the class e-mails only for specific class questions (please note that the class teachers will not be in a position to answer queries immediately as they will be teaching children both in school and remotely).

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation in helping us keep everyone as safe as possible. We will get through this and hope to welcome all the children back as soon as possible. In the meantime, please take care and follow the guidance.

Jane Mellor

Head Teacher

As God's children we shine because every child's a star!

