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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following recent announcements made by the Prime Minister on Monday, I am writing to update you a little further where I can.

It has been indicated that it is likely that this recently announced period of remote teaching and learning for all schools will run through to February half term, after which hopefully children will be able to return to school. For now, at least, this is the basis on which we are planning and will clearly do all that we can to continue to support all of our pupils' academic progress and wellbeing during this period. We will make regular phone calls to you and we will share your child's commitment to online learning. It will also provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions of us.

**Vulnerable children** including those with an **Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP)** and those whose parents are **critical workers** (see link below) are able to continue to attend safely our School where required or advised.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

**As previously, children must not attend school if they are experiencing coronavirus symptoms and/or they are otherwise required to self-isolate.**

Following announcements made during the holidays, our plans for such an arrangement for the first week of this term had already been implemented, so we were able to start our online learning programme straight away for all children. This arrangement will now extend for the period of this latest lockdown.

The Prime Minister and the Department for Education (DfE) have announced that, as a result of this latest period of lockdown, **Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) in Y2 and Y6** will not now take place as planned this summer. Further announcements are awaited.

It is vitally important that all children in **all year groups**, continue to devote themselves as fully as possible to their online learning using the platforms already set up. We are using **Class Dojo** for children in Nursery, Reception and Y1 and **Seesaw** for the rest of the school.

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Your child will be given at least three hours' learning each day and I, along with the senior team, will be monitoring their engagement. You will also be given links to other websites and programmes to supplement the bite size lessons provided by the teaching teams. These will all be shared on the learning platforms. The BBC is also offering a full programme of lessons and Joe Wicks will begin his daily work out routines again from next Monday. Our PE team (John and Ryan) have also begun to set PE challenges once more and these can be accessed via links on the platforms and on the School website. We will continue to support the Magic Breakfast Scheme and we will be delivering the packs of bagels and cereal directly to your door. You will be informed of this in advance and will have the option to opt out of the scheme if you so wish. The School's counsellor will be providing all children with access to activities and these will be shared on the learning platforms. If your child has been working with any of our other professionals, for example, educational psychologists, speech and language therapists and Zone West (Tina), they will be in touch with you soon.

If your child is entitled to a benefits-related free school meal, you will be receiving Wonde vouchers each week to the value of £12 per pupil per week. This is a reduction from the Government scheme of £15 per week, previously offered, because as yet the Government has not made a commitment to the scheme during this lockdown.

Whilst so much remains uncertain for now, please be reassured that we are here for all children and families and once again will continue to do all that we can to support them – both academically and pastorally - through this period of challenge.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With all best wishes,

Jane Mullarkey