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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your feedback and we understand that everyone is trying to get into a new routine. This week, all staff have been in school teaching and delivering lessons in their classrooms to our key worker and vulnerable children, in addition to setting and responding to remote learning questions for all our children who are at home.

At this moment in time we have over 50 children in school as part of the key worker and vulnerable group. As this number is increasing we have adapted some things in school since my previous letter.

- This week children have been working socially distanced in mixed year groups, however with our increasing numbers children will remain in their class bubbles from next week.
- Drop off times, pick up times and allocated gates will remain the same.
- Our Nursery will be open to all children (Mrs Greaux's and Mrs Luck's class) as of Monday 11.1.2021. Further information has been sent from the Nursery team.

Remote Learning from 11.1.2021

As stated previously, starting next week, every Monday you will receive by email a weekly overview for your child for Maths, English and the wider curriculum. Then, each day corresponding activities will be emailed to you for your child to complete. The weekly overviews will also be posted on our website under the 'Pupil Zone' tab. Reception will use tapestry and email for their remote learning and further information will follow from the EYFS team.

Further information regarding Zoom:

As stated earlier this week, here are further details of the Zoom sessions for your child.

You will need to create a Zoom account. Please see the link for further information.

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360034967471-Getting-started-guide-for-new-users>

Each week, every class will deliver live teaching sessions via zoom. For KS1 and KS2 these will be a Maths and an English session at 9:30am and 11:00am. EYFS will also deliver two live Zoom sessions for phonics and story time each day at 10:00am and 2:15pm. There will be live lessons four days a week for each class. Further information and details for accessing zoom will be communicated by class teachers. The live teaching sessions will be the introduction to the lesson and expectations for the lesson, it will also allow teachers to share videos and PowerPoints as they would if the children were in school. Children who are at school will be part of the live lessons but will not be on the video. If you are late to the live Zoom sessions, due to screen sharing, we cannot guarantee you will be admitted.

The waiting room will be open 5 minutes before. We will of course be constantly reviewing our practice and adapting where necessary.

We appreciate that some of you are working from home and that you will also be busy and have tasks to complete. We know that there may be siblings in school who will not be able to access the live sessions at the same time. If your child is unable to attend the live sessions, the resources and explanations will be available through email as before. Any questions can also be emailed to class teachers, but please bear in mind that class teachers are also teaching their class and so may not be able to respond immediately.

Our expectations for accessing zoom teaching sessions:

In accessing the Zoom sessions, you will be agreeing to the following:

- ❖ You consent to your child/children accessing zoom and your child being visible to other children/parents
- ❖ Children will be on mute unless asked to do otherwise and you may be asked to turn your camera off
- ❖ Display your child's name on the screen
- ❖ Children should be in a suitable area and that the back drop is appropriate
- ❖ Children will be suitably dressed for learning
- ❖ Children are ready to complete any activities after the Zoom session
- ❖ Children will continue to follow the 5 Golden Rules
- ❖ Parents & children are not permitted to record or photograph the Zoom session and/or share these on any social media sites.
- ❖ A record will be kept for everyone attending the Zoom session.

We are doing our very best and only want the best for our children. The staff are working incredibly hard and I am sure you can appreciate that working with technology can be challenging, so thank you in advance for your patience.

We would like to remind all parents that the government advice is that children wherever possible should be kept at home and access remote learning to limit their interaction with others and therefore reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to them and to their wider family. If you do not have a suitable device please contact school.

We fully appreciate that this is yet another difficult time for everyone but we must follow the guidelines from the government and work together. Thank you for your continued support.

If you do not wish your child to access the live lessons via zoom, please contact school through the class email system.

We are here to help and if you need any further support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,
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