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Remote Learning in the event of a school closure.

Dear Parents and carers,

From the end of September, the Government requirement of schools is that, **in the event of a partial or full school closure or local lockdown**, the school **MUST** supply daily lessons for all pupils.

There is also a requirement that parents, **who have a duty to ensure their child receives an education**, does everything they can to support their child in home education. Home educating is no longer a choice. Parents **MUST** prepare themselves that there is now a requirement to home educate their children in the event of a school closure. Failure to do so will result in some children falling behind as teachers will be covering new curriculum content, whereas before they were covering content that had already been taught so that children did not lose what had already been taught. Now, we have to make sure learning moves forward at the same rate as it would, had the children actually been in school, to prevent any further gaps in learning occurring.

If we do have to close the school to one, two or all three bubbles, then teachers will deliver learning in the following ways.

In Early Years, teachers will post videos of themselves explaining tasks they would like the children to complete on Class Dojo.

In Years 1 to 6, teachers will use a variety of tools to teach new concepts, such as videos of themselves teaching, Zoom meetings so that children can interact with teachers, ready prepared online resources such as Oxford Owl, Read Write Inc and White Rose.

Teachers will post literacy and Maths lessons on a morning and Foundation Subjects, (History, PE, Science etc) on an afternoon.

There will be an expectation that **ALL children** will complete **ALL work** set for them in exercise books (that we will provide) and then upload on to your child's Class Dojo Portfolio page, so that teachers can give feedback on work. The exercise books **MUST** be returned to school so that we have evidence towards your child's end of term assessments.

However, if you do not have internet access to Class Dojo, then some work books will be provided along with a daily phone call to your child to set work for that day.

As well as needing contact with pupils via Class Dojo to ensure learning is moving forward, we also need that contact for welfare purposes. If we do not have daily contact with a family then safeguarding procedures will be triggered.

The Government has launched a scheme, whereby families (who receive Free School Meals and are in Years 3 to 6) can access a laptop to use at home. If you need a laptop under these circumstances, please let us know.

I must stress that these plans will only go ahead if there is a partial or full lockdown of the school and this letter is to forewarn you of the expectations of parents should this happen. We want to be as prepared as possible and give you as much notice as possible to prepare for this.

I thank you in anticipation for your understanding and continued support at these uncertain times.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs N James Head Teacher

