



Dear Parents and Carers

### Update Spring Term 1

I am writing to set out the plan for our children going forward and to update you on our news. We have all appreciated your support over the last few days and we hope that we have been able to help you in preparing for the next half term of Lockdown. I will be writing out to you regularly with news, updates and tips so do please keep an eye on your email or the post (if you receive hard copies). Please also be aware that the school website contains a copy of almost everything we send out. Alternatively do please email us or telephone the office and we will try and help in any way we can.

Firstly we are delighted to welcome a new member of staff I am sure you will come across in the next few days and weeks whether your child is learning remotely or coming into school. Miss Hodge joined us yesterday and she is the new Child and Family Support Worker. So far she has been meeting and greeting our children, helping you all find the Home Learning, answering queries about logins and getting to know our children who are in school. Going forward her role will be to help to support children and families, when they need it. This may include working with children in school, helping you with school information, giving tips for family support during lockdown, signposting you to other professionals who can help in the local area, supporting with safeguarding concerns. She can be contacted through the main school office.

### **Face to Face Learning**

As you know, school is open for certain children at the moment; those in receipt of Pupil Premium (Free School Meals), a child whose parent is a key worker (the guidance has changed and it only needs to be one now!), a child from a vulnerable family, children with SEN.

In order to ensure consistency for the children and to enable the teachers to plan and deliver high quality learning, we request that the children are in school every day. This is the expectation from the Government and is different to the expectations that were in place in March. It is because it is very difficult to deliver the content in the most appropriate way for the learner if they are switching between online and face to face learning. If you have not taken up the offer of face to face learning yet because you have been uncertain about sending them into school please view our risk assessment which will be available on the website or ring us to have a chat about how it is operating.

### **Remote Learning**

Whilst we have been operating the emergency closure for these last 2 days, the work for the children has been on the school website in the "Our Learning Tab" (then select Home learning and choose your child's year group). I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed undertaking the tasks set.

From tomorrow (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January) the work will still be on the website, albeit in a slightly different format, but the children will be engaging with the rest of the class and their teacher/teaching assistant through "TEAMS". This will be used differently depending on the age of the children but generally they will have a class



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meet and greet, as well as a couple of other sessions during the day. You can find out what time it is for your child by going onto the home learning page on the website where there will be a timetable for Thursday and Friday. Please note that the children will not be on TEAMS all day! They will have times in the day to complete tasks and will then join back to share work and undertake other tasks, perhaps with the whole class or groups.

### **Access to Devices**

Thank you for completing the survey before Christmas about the technology you have access to; we will be supporting the families that indicated that they needed devices over the next few days and will be in touch with you.

### **Supermarket Vouchers for Pupil Premium Families**

I hope that you found the vouchers that we issued you with useful for the Christmas Holidays. I am very pleased to let you know that the Government will be providing support again in this way through the Edenred Supermarket Vouchers. They should be available in the next few days and Mrs Ebdon in the Office will be rolling this out for us. If you think that your circumstances may have changed and that you may now be eligible then do please click on this link to check on the website

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/rbwm/>

We will update you further in the next few days.

Yours sincerely

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