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Friday 10th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone for your support and understanding during an incredibly difficult week.

Unfortunately this week, three of my staff have tested positive for covid-19. This has resulted in us having to close my Y1 class to the families of critical workers and vulnerable children as those children now have to isolate for 10 days. We are doing everything we can to minimise the risk in school and will be making further amendments next week but there is no doubt that cases are escalating significantly at the moment.

In relation to this, I will be contacting the families of all critical workers this weekend to stress the importance of them only using us when they have no other option and will be asking that families do not use us on the days they are not working (if they work part time). I need to be able to stay open for the families of critical workers, who are most needed at the current time, to support the covid-19 response and will be urging parents to only use us if they have no other option available to them.

Please find attached the timetable for next week in relation to our remote learning offer. Staff are going to try and host some live sessions with the children at home and in school beginning on Monday. This is new to all the staff and they are going to do their best to make this work but we know there will be technical glitches and problems along the way and your understanding with this would be very much appreciated.

I have also attached our Google Meet guidelines for pupils. It is important that all pupils stick to these guidelines otherwise they will not be permitted to attend the sessions. A vital aspect is in relation to this is ensuring that your child is logged into Google classroom as themselves when they try and join a Google Meet session. If they are logged in with their parent's email, staff will not be able to admit them into the session. If your child is not able to log in to the Google meet, please check your settings. Log out and then log back in with the correct pupil settings.

We know that some parents may struggle with the number of devices they have to facilitate all their children accessing all the sessions. We completely understand this and know that this is going to be difficult. Therefore, please do not feel that they have to attend all of them.

I have also attached guidelines to this email around how an Xbox or playstation can also be utilised in order to access Google Classroom and Google Meet sessions and it definitely works as I have tried it with my son! I would just recommend that if they are going to utilise this for their work, you also plug in a keyboard otherwise they will be reliant on the controller and this will take them far too long.

We have listened a lot to feedback from parents from the last lockdown and we really hope that this will support our children, who are working at home, to feel more connected to school and also encourage their independence. It might take a while for the children to get into a routine, but we really hope that this will really support parents who are having to work from home as well. We know how hard this is for parents and want to do everything we can to support you during this incredibly challenging time.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding,

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Please stay safe and limit your social contact as much as you physically can.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. McAleny". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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