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Dear Parents and Carers

In school we have been working hard to ensure our remote learning is accessible and available to all of our families. Through carefully tracking online engagement and visibility, we have been able to identify where there have been barriers to the children accessing learning and worked with parents to try and resolve these difficulties. Based on the information shared with school, we have been able to deliver school Ipads and a number of laptops provided by the government. With assurance that the children have a device to access their learning, we now know that we have an equitable offer to all our children at this time.

I am incredibly proud of the way the staff team have pulled together to deliver a full remote offer with very little notice. This time has been huge testament to the staff's commitment to our pupils and they continue to put our school value of commitment into action as they step up to offer support and guidance during this difficult time.

It has been well reported that we are unlikely to see children return until after 8th March 2021. This means that at least 8 weeks of face-to-face teaching will have been disrupted due to the national lockdown. We await further guidance as to what the reopening of school will look like but parents and carers should expect that school will gradually open to more pupils over a period of time. We will keep everyone informed in due course.

Remote Education

Unlike the first lockdown in March, the government have stipulated that all children must continue to learn throughout this time. Whilst we recognise that education is incredibly important, we know that this expectation doesn't come without its challenges. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you are struggling. Although schools are closed to many pupils during this time, we are still here to help and support should any of our children or families need it. In the last four weeks, there have been some superb examples of school and home working together to ensure the children are well-supported and learning during this time. Class teachers are continuing to teach the age-related curriculum and therefore new learning is being covered. It is vital that we work together to ensure the children do not miss this important learning.

I wish to repeat our messages of thanks to our parents and carers who are doing such a great job of supporting the children with their remote learning. We recognise that behind every successful lesson or learning experience, there are many ways that grown-ups at home will have made it successful. Please know that we understand how difficult this situation is for you all. We know that some of our families are juggling remote learning from a number of schools, juggling working commitments or caring for others within a support bubble.

Nursery

With the boiler repairs complete, our nursery is open to all pupils. We continue to offer our full nursery provision to all pupils. It has been wonderful to see some of our nursery children return to school today. Any

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nursery parents and carers, who wish their child to return to their usual nursery provision should complete the parent survey on the Home page of the school website. The link can be found in the 'What's New' section,

Critical worker and vulnerable pupils

Throughout Year 1 to Year 6, we continue to offer school places to those families who are vulnerable and the children of critical workers. Over the last few weeks, we have seen a steady increase in the demand for school places. We currently have 70 pupils in school, with some classes with more pupils than others. We have to continually review pupil numbers based on the number of staff we have available on any given day. Each readmission has to be carefully considered to ensure we can deliver to the requirement of our risk assessment and keep everyone safe at this difficult time.

COVID-19 Risk Assessment

Our covid risk assessment is reviewed daily in accordance with information learned and staff availability. As a result of the increased risk to the adults in school, we have a number of our staff working from home at this time. The parents and carers of pupils attending school should be aware that the children may be supervised in their learning by our support staff or student teachers during this time. Class teachers and or the senior team, continue to plan and prepare the learning for all classes.

Last week, one of our bubbles was closed as we had our first confirmed covid case which meant a group of children and the staff linked to that bubble were required to self-isolate. Although we have been able to reopen the bubble today, the staff linked to the bubble are unable to return to school at this time.

It is crucial that we all work together to do everything possible to minimise the risk of transmitting Covid-19 within our school community. We all have a collective responsibility to keep our children, staff and wider families safe. We do this by:

- Following the national lockdown restrictions in our day to day life so that we are not socializing with others who we do not live with and we are only making essential journeys.

Where school becomes concerned that national restrictions, and therefore the law, are not being followed, we have a duty to investigate and share information with other agencies as necessary.

- If you or anyone in your household becomes unwell, you must self-isolate and contact 119 who will be able to advise you of the appropriate action to take. You must not come to school if you or your child is unwell.

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Your sincerely,

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