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Dear Parents,

I really do hope that you've got off to a good start with remote learning.

I know how challenging this situation will be for you all and just wanted to give you some reassurances. We are highly conscious that in addition to now being legally required to deliver education to all children over this lockdown, regardless of whether they are in school or not, we must also try to make it fair for all. Therefore, we will do our very best to ensure that all of the children have the same level of access to teacher and staff input throughout the week. We are also aware that we must have equal expectations for the quantity of work that all of the children are given.

We will try to build links between the children in and out of school, including 'live' communications, but please bear in mind that there are some very significant safeguarding issues around this, as well as technical issues, which we may not be able to overcome for some classes. Equally, we will do our best to support you with technology at home, but I'm afraid that we have very limited funds and have only been able to access 1 laptop from the government! In addition, we have also just been informed that our ICT technician will not be in school during this period of lockdown, as well as still being without Mr Brown who is our ICT Lead.

There may be occasions when staff are ill and one person has to support the children both in and out of school at the same time, as is the case in one class today. Therefore, the level of remote learning may be disrupted or reduced on occasions, but we will try to overcome these problems as quickly as possible.

Finally, can I remind you that it is your responsibility to ensure that your children access and undertake the work that they are set. For children in Nursery and Reception, this will be through Tapestry and for the rest of the children, this will be through SeeSaw. Please let the teachers/school know if you are having any difficulties in accessing these learning platforms, or if you are struggling to support/motivate your children to learn at home, as I'm sure they'll be able to provide you with some useful strategies or resources.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Take care

Simon Minter
Head Teacher