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Remote Learning

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Dear Parents/Carers

As the term progresses I would just like to update you on the plans for remote learning.

Staff training on TEAMS has continued this term and some staff have been lucky enough to try it out! Thank you to the parents who have been supporting us and learning from home with their children – your feedback has been really valuable in helping us to develop the teaching and learning that we are offering. The reality is, until the teachers are actually using TEAMS, the problems won't appear. But so far, our experience has been positive and we have been able to solve most situations relatively quickly.

All classrooms now have a webcam- kindly bought by the PTA. This means that we are able to see all of the children during collective worship and the sound quality is much improved.

Thank you for supporting us by returning the questionnaire about equipment that your child will have access to at home. We are working to ensure that all children have what they need to enable them to learn from home.

Based on our experiences to date, we have produced a home learning code of conduct- attached. Please read it carefully as it will impact on you, if your child has the need to be educated from home.

Our offer for the various scenarios is available on the school website. Should you need to self-isolate and if your child is well, then they are able to access remote learning. However, in order for your child's class teacher to prepare for a child that will be learning at home, thought needs to be given to the work that is planned and sometimes adjustments need to be made in order for the work to be accessible from home. So, if you find yourself in that position a phone call at 9am that day will not give our teachers time to prepare – they are already teaching at that time. Please advise us as soon as possible via the school office or SLT email address if you are self-isolating and whether your child is well enough to access remote learning and we will advise you on when your child is able to join their class remotely. This will generally be the following day.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support during what is a challenging time for us all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Howells
Acting Headteacher

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