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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you on behalf of us all for your patience and understanding since the announcement that schools were to move to remote learning as part of the national effort to help combat the spread of Coronavirus. Whilst we have had a robust plan in place should any classes need to isolate since September, the new measures mean we have been busy planning ways in which to deliver effective remote learning whilst continuing to teach those children of keyworkers who need to attend school.

I am now in a better position to be able to provide more information about how this will work from Monday 11th January.

The nature of the ways in which we will provide learning depends to a certain extent on the age of the children and how much support they may need to access remote learning. However, all children will receive input every day from their class teacher or other member of staff who work in your child's year group. This may be in the form of pre-recorded teaching input, live lessons or activities set through applications such as Microsoft Teams, Purple Mash, Timestable Rockstars or EDSHed. Your child should have a logon for all of these platforms. It will involve all of these options at some point during the week. All children will have the opportunity to have live interaction with a teacher from their year group each day. We have tried to set a timetable which allows for the fact that you may require the use of more than one device throughout the day if you have more than one child of school age. Microsoft Teams can apparently be accessed through X-Box and Playstations. How to do this varies depending on the type of device, but there are videos on YouTube on how to do this!

The timetable, resources and links to live lessons needed for each day, will be sent to you via Class Dojo or Microsoft Teams by 8am each morning. When this is live input, this needs to be accessed at the correct time. If a lesson has pre-recorded content, this can be accessed and completed at a time to suit your circumstances. Lessons will include input from staff, followed by tasks and activities to complete. There will be a mixture of activities to try and ensure children are using a range of skills and content that covers the breadth of the curriculum. There will also be pastoral time where the class can meet up remotely to talk to each other and see their class teacher and staff that they usually work with.

Lessons, and how these are delivered, will naturally evolve over the course of the lockdown as we respond to how the children are learning. There will be teething problems, as there always are when technology is involved, but we will endeavour to solve these as soon as possible and seek solutions to any problems that arise. There is an expectation that children engage with learning, and this will be monitored, so please do contact us if you are experiencing any difficulties so that we can support this.

Staff will provide feedback to pupils on the work completed. This may be written feedback or verbal feedback during live lessons. Class Dojo points will be awarded and children rewarded for the work that they produce. Some year groups will require work packs or class texts which can be collected



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from school. If this is the case, we will be informing you by text message and Class Dojo so that the distribution of these can be arranged.

We fully appreciate that remote learning of this nature is not an easy task for parents, especially given the demands of an already difficult situation. Please do contact us if we can be of any help. Please also know that we are still here for all of our families and if you are in a situation where you are isolating or need to attend urgent appointments and need assistance for your children during this time, do not hesitate to get in touch to see if we can provide help and support.

Thank you for all you are doing. We can't wait to see you all again. Stay safe and wishing you all good health.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachael Kilmister'.

Rachael Kilmister
Headteacher