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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank for your all your support with home learning over the last few weeks. We know this is really challenging, and all we ask is that you do the best you can.

I just wanted to update you on a few things.

**School Closures**

We are currently only open for children of key workers and vulnerable children. This is in-line with government guidance, as schools can be one way the virus is transmitted in the community. For those children in school, we continue to have control measures in place to minimise the risk to pupils and staff.

The government will let us know when it safe for us to reopen, and have stated today that this will not happen until the 8th March at the earliest. They will try to give schools and parents two weeks noticed prior to full opening.

**Remote Learning**

We will continue to provide learning through Class Dojo. We know families may be reliant on devices such as mobile phones. Teachers will do their best to plan activities than can be accessed this way, and managed between several children. The day’s learning will be posted on Dojo by 9:30am every morning. If you have any issues with Class Dojo please contact the school.

**Marking and Feedback**

Teachers will provide a range feedback to learning so children know how they have done. We know it may not always be possible for you to upload work on the day they have completed it. Again, we just ask that you do the best you can. Feedback will be done as soon as reasonably possible, but cannot always be provided on the same day. Children can complete any feedback actions from previous days during normal school hours. For example, after they have completed their main work.

**Laptops**

There has been a lot of information in the news about laptops being provided for any children who don’t have them. The DfE have been able to provide us with some laptops, but there are nowhere near enough for all children. As we receive them, we are first prioritising Year 6. This is because they will have the least time with us to catch-up when they return to school. We are continuing to explore ways to get more laptops, and as they become available, we allocate them based on the needs of the children.







 

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**Statutory Tests**

There will be not be any statutory tests this year, This includes Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs tests and the Phonics screening checks for Years 1 and 2. We will continue to assess children using teacher assessment, to identify gaps in learning and plan next steps.

**Free School meals**

We are now supporting children who are eligible for benefits based free school meals and not in school with supermarket vouchers. Families will receive these in the post every other week.

If you need to contact school about your child’s learning please message the teacher through Class Dojo between 9am and 3pm on weekdays. If you need to contact school about anything else, please ring the school office during our opening hours.

Kind regards

Mr Morrison

Headteacher