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Dear Parents/Carers,

Remote Learning Plan - Reception to Year 6

As you will be aware attendance at school is now compulsory, and yet we live in a time where children may be absent from school due to self-isolation. The Government have asked that all schools come up with a plan for remote learning and supporting parents at home, if this were to happen. In this letter I would like to outline the plans that we have for the different scenarios that may occur.

What if my child is ill but has NO Coronavirus symptoms?

If your child is ill, and not well enough to be in school, you must follow the usual attendance procedures of informing school and your child returning, once well enough to do so.

What if my child has got Coronavirus symptoms?

If your child has one of the 3 Covid symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste and/or smell) then you must keep your child at home, inform school and arrange for a test. If during this period of time you feel that your child is well enough to access home learning, then children can practise their spellings or key words, maths basic skills, reading books, and their homework grids - all of which can be found on Seesaw. All they would need to do is upload their work for the teachers to see. However if your child is poorly with these symptoms, then they do not need to complete work.

What if I have been contacted through Track and Trace and have to self-isolate?

If this is the case, please inform school and remote learning will be put in place for your child. A home learning grid will be posted onto Seesaw (like we did in March) and work can be uploaded for the teachers to mark. This needs to be done on a daily basis, but can be fitted around parents/carers who may also be needing to work from home. If a child does not upload any work, or access the work on Seesaw, we will treat this 'non attendance' and a phone call home will be made. It is important that children in this scenario continue with home learning, so they don't get left behind.

What happens if a year group bubble has to self-isolate?

Home learning grids will be reinstated (as they were in March) and children will need to complete the work and upload it onto Seesaw. Alongside written instructions, teachers will also upload audio instructions and videos to explain tasks where appropriate. Opportunities to get

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together to do live group sessions and stories are also being looked into. Again, this will be tailored around parents/carers, who need to work from home as well, but it will be an expectation that all children will log on and access the work. Again under the attendance system that we currently run, with non attendance, phone calls home will be made to ensure children are keeping up with the school work.

Of course, we are aware that some families may not have access to the internet or devices that they can use at home, in this case, we will provide paper packs for the children.

This is why it is really important that you return your Seesaw permission letter back to school, if you haven't already, so that we can see who requires a paper pack.

We also understand the huge pressures that families are under at the moment and as long as we keep communication open between home and school, we will support you in whatever way we can. Our children, their safety, their health and their education is the most important thing to us all, and by working together we will get through this together.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Lilico Headteacher