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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you're all well.

At the end of the first day of the new school lockdown, I am writing to update you with a few points.

Remote Learning

Thank you so much to all of those families who were able to join their year group MS Teams registration meetings this morning. This is a very important part of the remote provision. There were, inevitably one or two technical issues which we have managed to resolve in the main. Thank you for your patience with these because we understand the frustration that they can cause. With regard to participation, please can I remind you that children need to:

- be sat at a table whenever possible
- refrain from eating
- be under parental supervision appropriate to their age

Some of you have mentioned that it would help if you had exercise books for your child to work in. In March, we had time to send children home with exercise books before the lockdown started. Obviously, we did not get time to do this on Monday. We would like you to keep any work that your children do, so that they can bring it to school in the future. An A4 pad from a supermarket would suffice but we can supply one exercise book per child, if required, and these can be collected from reception if parents call ahead.

I understand that quite a few parents have been seeking passwords for SeeSaw today so I hope these issues have been resolved. Please let us know if you need any assistance with this.

I am aware that some families are short of electronic devices to help support remote learning. I have a small number of devices on order from before Christmas and we are able to order a small number from the Government also. We are only able to access those from the Government once we experience a closure of some kind. Naturally, we have been trying to obtain these all week but they are not available to primary schools yet. I will keep you updated.

Key Worker Groups in School

Our first reaction to having year group bubbles has been very positive. We feel, at present, that this is going to make it possible to maintain parity between what the children experience in school and what they are provided with at home.

At the time of writing, I am still awaiting any clear guidance on the number of children we are permitted to have in each bubble in school. If, when the guidance arrives, we find that we are allowed to have a number smaller than that which we are currently using, we may struggle to meet the demand for key worker places. I will keep you updated of any developments but thought it fair to share what might be a potential challenge.

Thank you for your support at this early stage in the lockdown. Let's hope we can make it as productive as possible. Take care.

Yours faithfully,

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Head Teacher