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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Over the past week, during the unsettling times and amidst the discussions and conclusions of school closure, we have been busy developing plans for remote learning. This has been to allow the school community access to work and communication channels in the event that the school would close. Now that school is closed, the work of teachers, support staff, admin staff, and all other staff in school has been clarified and we can now put plans into practice to ensure ongoing teaching and learning for all children.

We will be using a range of online learning platforms to deliver learning: Purple Mash, Class DoJo and Tapestry (EYFS only). The purpose of online learning platforms is to set daily work tasks which will be a combination of practical tasks and IT based activities. One of the tasks will be an extended project over a number of days. We want the children to still maintain a focus on their learning, as this is appropriate. We will offer as much support and guidance with this as we can.

The online platforms are very flexible resources which allow the children to respond back to their class teacher and for the teacher to respond to the pupils and their work. We are planning for all eventualities, but have had limited time to do so. However, we are hopeful that this will work well. If you or the child/ren have questions about learning, please just ask. Our planning has included accounting for some staff being in periods of self-isolation - either in the short or longer term - so these platforms allow for teachers and staff to be in school or home working. This supports staff fully in this period of uncertainty for them too.

The daily pattern of work will be that teachers will plan resources in the morning, respond to children's work in the afternoon and post (via online platforms) the following day's work at the end of each day. This is to give parents and carers the opportunity to view tasks before the following day. You are free to decide what time of the day you wish your children to be undertaking their school work, as I am sure that this will vary depending on each family's arrangements. As tasks are completed, they will form part of the children's journal. Staff will be looking daily to ensure the children are logging on and completing set work.

Access to the platforms has already been sent home in the front cover of your child's homeworking book and we can see that over the weekend, many parents, carers and children have logged on - well done everyone ☺ Please ensure the logins are kept for your use only – they are personal for your child. Online and internet safety is really important, as you know, and this includes protecting and keeping passwords and logins safe. Please let us know if you **do not** have access to a tablet, smart phone or laptop with internet connection by phoning the school office on 01983 869910.

Every child now had a home learning pack. Huge thanks to members of staff, who hand delivered all those not handed out or collected last week and to all staff are working hard planning, preparing and feeding back on work – what an amazing team we have. Those children that are in school, please bring your home learning pack with you each day. Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Rebecca Day - Headteacher.

