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Dear parents,

We are working to be prepared for any eventuality in the case of children or bubbles needing to isolate or a full local/national lockdown. **We do not expect this to happen in the immediate future, but we are planning ahead and want to communicate our plans.** We have no reason to believe that this is an immediate concern, so this letter is only to share our plans so everyone is clear on the process should any measures need to be taken in the future. We continue to work hard to ensure the best possible hygiene routines and safety measures in and around school.

It is essential that we know if you do not have access to a device so we can plan a suitable provision (see the final paragraph).

The best research and evidence currently suggests that a blended approach of video instruction, quizzes for feedback and work packs tailored to the children's needs is the most effective way to teach remotely. Please note that there is no evidence that live teaching is more effective than pre-recorded teaching, so given that some of our families have multiple siblings (so will have to share devices) and some of our teachers have childcare considerations, we will be using pre-recorded videos. You can read an overview of the research here:

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Remote_learning_evidence_review/Rapid_Evidence_Assessment_summary.pdf

While every care is being taken in keeping the children safe and practising good hygiene routines, there is always a possibility of partial or full closure depending on local and national developments. We are **not** expecting any sort of closure in the near future. Our plan in brief is as follows:

- If an individual needs to isolate and is well enough to work, they will be sent instructions on how to access learning on Oak National Academy. The school will communicate with them.
- If a bubble need to isolate, the class teacher will provide daily pre-recorded video instruction and quizzes. They will operate a daily 'clinic' to give live feedback and support to children.
- If the whole school needs to isolate due to a local or national lockdown, then the teacher will arrange a zoom meeting to explain the next steps. The first week of work will be provided by Oak National Academy, with subsequent weeks being highly tailored to the children's needs through work packs, pre-recorded video instruction and live 'clinics'. To make the work packs as purposeful and effective as possible, they need to be created to be in-line with the sequence of learning, so the reason Oak Academy will be used in the first week is to give teachers time to prepare this.

Technology enables us to deliver the best possible provision but we are also aware that not all families have access to the devices needed. **We ask that if you do not have devices at home then you contact school at the earliest convenience so that we can arrange for your child to have paper copies of all work.** Suitable devices include laptops, computers, tablets or smart phones. Please call the school office on 0121 675 2489.

Yours faithfully

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