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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware there was a Government announcement on Monday at 8pm to close schools. Due to the timing of this announcement, we have had to very quickly organise and prepare for a different kind of teaching and learning for your child.

What will be happening with your child's learning?

Online learning is currently available via TEAMS. From Monday, live lessons will be delivered from your child's class teacher via Teams. At 9am-10am, a Maths lesson will be taught, at 10.45am -11.45am, English will be taught. To access these lessons, a laptop or tablet with headphones will be needed. We can provide these if required, as we have a number of devices ready for this purpose. In addition we will provide a pack of resources to support the learning at home such as stationery, workbooks etc.

Due to the age of the children, Early Years provision will be slightly different. There will also be a series of teaching videos provided by staff for you to watch with your child at a time that is convenient to you. This will be supplemented by additional activities for your children via TEAMS. Further information will be shared in the near future.

We are committed to delivering a full, broad and balanced curriculum. In addition to live teaching of English and Maths in the mornings, learning in the other subjects will be uploaded on to TEAMS which teachers will set and mark. Teachers will monitor daily the engagement and involvement of children with this learning.

Children have been taught how to use TEAMS and therefore minimal support from parents should be necessary, depending on the age and ability of your child. As you will understand this is a new approach and we may experience some teething problems in the initial stages. We will support you in any way we can, please bear with us as we strive to make this a successful and a positive learning experience for your children, in order to ensure they receive a quality educational experience in these difficult times.

By starting lessons at 9am we hope this will support you to keep children in a routine whilst not attending school. As previously during lockdown, staff will be in regular contact to offer support to you and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can support you in any way.

Further information will be shared tomorrow in regard to timings for collection of learning resources and any requested devices.

Thank you for your patience.

Regards

Miss T Smith
Head Teacher



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