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Update

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all remaining safe and well.

As most of you will be aware, the government no longer plans to recommend the return to school for further year groups this term. Whilst we would love to see more of the children, we believe that this is the best approach to be able to maintain the safe practices that we have put in place and are working well.

We are however considering how we can maintain and increase our interaction with those children who are still at home, both with their current year groups and teachers and also starting to think about transition to their next class.

Class Dojo

The majority of parents have now signed up for Class Dojo and some year groups have already built up great practice in sharing learning and activities from home and gaining feedback from their teachers. There are still a few elements of the operation of this app that we are getting to grips with, so more information will emerge. My thanks to Miss Case, our Dojo champion, who is overseeing the implementation and supporting the rest of the staff.

Live lessons

We recognise that many children are starting to feel more isolated from their friends and teachers, so have decided to set up some live activities, where children in and out of school can interact together with their teachers and feel part of the class again. We will trial this next week and continue weekly if successful.

This will work as follows:

- We will use Zoom and Parents/Carers will receive an invitation to the meeting via Parent Mail
- The Parent/Carer needs to click on the link to join the meeting at the time specified. and should remain in the room or in close proximity for the duration of the meeting.
- An additional member of school staff will be part of the meeting along with the host adult and will be admitted to the meeting before any child can join from home. No child will be admitted until at least 3 children are in the waiting room at which point they will all be admitted together.
- The teacher may host the call from school or from home.
- The call will take place during normal school hours and will last no longer than 40 minutes.
- If the majority of the class are in school, the children in school will take part from the classroom with the teacher.
- All members of the household should be made aware that the call is taking place and ensure that they use appropriate language and behaviour when nearby or in the background.

- All participants should be appropriately dressed.
- The call may take the form of a chat, a lesson or an activity such as a quiz.
- No call will be recorded.
- Participation from home is at the discretion of the Parent/Carer

Home Learning

Work will be updated on the website this weekend for the next two weeks. If your child is in school, they will be accessing the same learning.

As always, do let us know if we can support further in any way.

Best wishes

Miss H Ryan