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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past few months, during the unsettling times amidst the discussions and conclusions of school closure, we have been busy developing and improving plans for remote learning that the school community can access in the event that school will be closed again due to a national lockdown. Now that school is closed, we can put plans into practice to ensure ongoing high quality teaching and learning for all children.

We will again be using the online learning platform called SeeSaw. The purpose of online learning platforms is to set daily work tasks which will be a combination of practical tasks and IT based activities. There will be daily English, maths and reading/phonics tasks, along with a variety of foundation subjects. We want the children to focus on learning and offer you as much support and guidance in doing so. The online platforms are very flexible resources which allow the children to respond back to their class teacher and the teacher to respond to the pupils and their work. If you or the child/ren have questions about learning please just ask. There will shortly be a video available showing you 'how to use Seesaw'. Please look out for this on the school website/social media pages.

From our parent questionnaire, we have tried to improve and work on the feedback that you, as parents have given. One issue was the printing of materials and tasks. Although, this cannot be completely sorted; teachers have tried to make tasks transferable so they can be accessed in exercise books. We have a large collection of exercise books (lined and squared) that will be left in the school entrance for parents to pick up if needed.

The daily pattern of work will be that teachers are planning resources in the morning, responding to children's work in the afternoon and posting (via online platforms) the following day's work at the end of the day. We felt that posting work at the end of the day, gives you as parents and carers, the opportunity to view tasks before the following day. You are free to decide at 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 form part of the children's journal. Access to the platforms has already been sent home and we can see that over the last couple of days, many parents, carers and children have logged on already - 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, this includes protecting and keeping passwords and logins safe. Please let us know if you need your child's password reset.

Following on from the parent questionnaire, please let us know (if you have not completed the online form) if you do not have access to any device with internet connection by phoning the school office on 01983 852290. We have very limited number of devices available.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Mr Price