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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your engagement and support with the new arrangements in place for the children's learning at home and at school. Despite the considerable challenges we face at this time, we are so pleased with the excellent start to this term's learning and grateful for the positive comments we have received regarding our **Blended Learning – Remote Education** offer; the staff are working extremely hard managing this and really appreciate your feedback.

#### **Learning at home:**

Class teachers will be checking their class email between 8:00am and 4:30pm every weekday, however you may not receive an immediate response as teachers are still working with children in school.

So that the class teacher can keep a record of your child's engagement in their home learning and to assess your child's attainment and progress we would like parents to:

- Have regular contact with the class teacher via the class email.
- Email work to the class teacher (this could be done daily or weekly) or give the child their work to bring into school on their return.
- Support learning where possible.

In order to provide you with feedback on your child's learning the class teacher may use a range of strategies including:

- Providing whole class feedback on the recorded video lessons.
- Commenting on your child's work in an email.
- Saving all work sent and using this to plan the child's next steps in learning.
- Checking your child's understanding of key concepts on their return to school.
- Setting quizzes and assessments on online platforms for the children to engage with.

#### **Learning at school:**

We would like to remind all parents to follow all the expectations outlined in our updated '**Parent Protocol**' sheet attached. This includes a NO 'car sharing' policy – see point 1. **We have taken advice from Public Health England and they have made it clear that car sharing between different households should not be taking place.**

The school has been informed that at this time there will be no milk or 'free' fruit for children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2. We would encourage all parents to provide a healthy playtime fruit snack for their child.

#### **School places for Reception 2021**

**Do you know anyone looking for a school place for September 2021?** Please can we ask that you promote our final 'ZOOM' meeting for prospective parents that will take place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 5:00pm**. Please ask the prospective parent to contact the school office for the link.

Please contact the school office or the class teacher email address if you have any questions or need support in any way. We want to ensure that we support each and every family.

Yesterday, the government updated guidance for schools for the national lockdown. Any important information and key changes will be shared with all parents next week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Lavelle  
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