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Dear Families,

I would like to thank you once again for your support, patience and consideration during these uncertain times.

Our year group learning pods are now well established with the appropriate year group staff being timetabled throughout the week to support children's learning. It has been lovely to see children learning happily in school.

I appreciate that this period of lockdown may appear different to your experiences last year. We are following Government guidelines to provide an education setting for children of critical workers as well as those who are vulnerable. We fully respect the decisions that you make as parents to keep your child at home at this current time. The Government states that the safest place for your child is at home.

If you are a key worker and wish to register your child as part of our provision for the following week, please contact the office by midday on the Thursday before. This allows for administration and planning. This does not apply if your child is already registered.

What our lockdown learning looks like

The number of children attending across a year group can vary. In most year groups, the numbers tend to range between 15 and 20 children daily. Year 2 currently have slightly more so we are operating across two separate classroom areas, both with less than 18 in each group according to the children's needs. Again, the number in each class can vary daily. We are utilising the space that we have in school. When inside, each learning pod is spaced appropriately with individual

resources. The bi-fold doors in the classrooms have been opened so that each learning group has double the size of classroom than they would normally have. We continue to ensure that learning spaces are well ventilated and that the children are washing their hands regularly, particularly when moving between areas in the school. Each year group has a large designated outdoor space for playtimes and lunchtimes.

Parent contact

It has been lovely to communicate with you all, both via email as well as via our contact phone calls. We appreciate that this is a challenging time for everyone. Where possible, we will continue to ensure that there is a year group teacher available for answering emails and phone calls daily.

PE

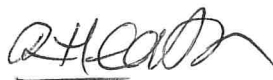
All children will have their PE lesson on a Monday. However, we are taking every opportunity to utilise learning opportunities outdoors. **It would therefore be appropriate that, during this period of lockdown, your child wears suitable shoes for learning outdoors such as trainers.**

Drop off and collection

Thank you for your patience when collecting your child. We continue to ask parents to respect appropriate social distancing as well as wearing a face covering.

It has been a pleasure to get to know some of you, albeit in such unusual times. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. In the meantime, stay safe and well.

Warmest regards,



Jo Heath

Head of School