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Dear Parents/ Carers,

RE: Home Learning Arrangements

I am writing to update you with our planned arrangements for home learning. With the increase in cases of COVID-19 being reported in the media it is possible that there may be an increase in the need for pupils or families to self-isolate. The government are regularly reviewing the guidance to mitigate the spread of a second wave of a pandemic. Should a local lockdown occur or families be in isolation, we have devised a plan to ensure that should blended, or home learning be required in the future, we would be able to ensure that pupils' learning at home is as effective as possible. This will include regular 'online lessons,' activities set on purple mash and weekly feedback to pupils. We will ensure that our weekly lesson plans and resources are available on our school website in the original folders set up for the COVID lockdown.

Below are the three possible scenarios for when you may need to access this work. It is **not** for the children to do as homework if they are attending school, and there is **no** expectation that the work is completed by a child who is not attending due to illness, of any kind.

Scenario One – Children are absent for two or three days due to Covid testing:

Each class has a plan of lessons for the week uploaded to the website. These lessons are planned by the class teachers and may include reference or links to other online resources including The Oak National Academy, an online classroom with video lessons delivered by qualified teachers. Sometimes these high quality lessons have related activities for the children to complete or sometimes the children are asked to carry out work as they are watching.



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Scenario Two – Children and their families are self-isolating or shielding for a fortnight:

Work is provided following the same format as above. In this scenario, we ask families to upload the work (or a photo of the work) to Purple Mash by the end of the school day, so that it can be looked at by the class teacher and feedback provided within a 48-hour timescale.

In order to keep in touch with the child, class teachers are offering 5 minutes pre-arranged live feedback/contact weekly – such as a telephone call or a Video call. For safeguarding purposes, we request that a parent or carer is present at this time.

Scenario Three – Class, Year Group or whole school closure:

We are hopeful that this scenario will not be needed, but if it is, we plan to offer live teaching via video call (Zoom, Microsoft Teams or an alternative platform, to be confirmed). Online Activities and blogging opportunities will be offered on Purple Mash and feedback will be provided in the normal way.

We hope that these measures will ensure that the children's educational experience is as seamless as possible. If you need to isolate and you have any technical problems, please email the class teachers directly on the year group addresses.

Stay safe. Stay well.

Kind regards

Martyn Clarke
Headteacher



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