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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, a HUGE thank you to all of you for your support during the last two weeks. What a challenging time it has been for all of us with just 24 hours' notice to sort our working arrangements, home lives and children's education following the latest lockdown announcement.

HUB PROVISION

A few reminders regarding the hub provision in school:

- ***The guidance on schools opening for emergency provision for critical workers and vulnerable children is clear – it states that you should keep your child at home if you are able to do so. This means that if you are working from home, you may have the option to keep your child at home too. Please consider this and only book hub sessions when you have absolutely no other alternative.***
- School is open from 9am until 3.30pm. Children can be dropped off and picked up at any time during the day.
- There are a large number of children in some year groups which is causing some congestion on the field pathway – please ensure you keep to social distancing guidance and always wear a mask.
- When the class door opens, please ensure you keep your distance from others to allow children to enter the classroom safely.

REMOTE LEARNING

- I am so pleased that we currently have 98% of children accessing the remote learning provision either via the hubs or from home, and I anticipate that being 100% by Monday once we have worked out some device and internet issues.
- Please remember, if you are struggling in any way with the remote learning, speak to your child's class teacher as we may be able to help.
- Your child's class teacher or teaching assistant will respond to the children's work via the seesaw learning platform on a daily basis – your teacher will keep you informed if this cannot happen due to an unforeseen circumstance eg teacher illness.

- And try and log on to your weekly zoom session with the class so your child can catch up with their friends.

COVID SYMPTOMS

The procedures in school remain the same regarding children exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. The three symptoms are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child is exhibiting any of these symptoms, do not send them to school. You must arrange for a test to take place.

Thank you as always for your continued support during these difficult times.

Stay safe.



Mrs Foster

Headteacher