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Dear Parents/Carers,

A belated Happy New Year. It was lovely to see those children back in school on Monday and we were rather taken by surprise at the announcement made so late on Monday night by the Prime Minister, having been back in school only one day!

However, once again, thank you to the whole school community for responding in the way we all have. All school staff were in school on Tuesday, setting up our remote learning package.

For our Early Years and Key Stage 1, this will look similar to what happened before. The majority of the information and work will be sent through Tapestry and Class Dojo. As before, hard copies will be made available for those struggling to get work printed off. For those children at the early reading stage, reading books can be borrowed – ask you class teacher.

For Key Stage 2 children, whilst Class Dojo is still being used, all the work is being shared and uploaded onto School360. Years 5 and 6 children are used to this, but it has been a steep learning curve to everyone in Years 3 and 4. Thank you for helping the children past this initial stage – most are now flying on this.

All staff in all year groups will be tracking on a weekly basis the interaction and work completed by the children. There is an expectation that the children will complete the work set in some form. Obviously this has to be juggled around your commitments as well, which may also have changed since Monday evening.

The advice and guidance from the department for Education states that children in Key Stage 1 should be receiving 3 hours of remote education each day (less for younger children) and that Key Stage 2 children should be receiving 4 hours a day. This is of course averaged out and for some people this is a real challenge. As I know you will, if there are concerns about any of the work, please contact the class teacher.

I will be exploring the possibility of using a PlayStation or X-box to access the remote learning. This, of course will probably only be relevant to the older children, but may be an alternative to using a tablet. If I am successful over the weekend, I will be posting instruction on what to do. A keyboard would need to be attached to the console. Unfortunately, the Department for Education is not allowing us to order new devices yet, but assures us we can from next week. It does not mention timescales! If there is any one that is struggling to access our remote learning, please get in touch via the class teacher.



This was the start to term that none of us wanted, but many felt was inevitable.

Please do keep in touch via Tapestry or Class Dojo and if there is anything you think school may be able to help with, do get in touch. Our office is manned from 8.00am to around 12 noon.

Thank you for help, understanding and cooperation.

Once again, take time to look after those around you.

Yours faithfully

A Waterfield  
(Headteacher)

