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Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly I want to thank you all for your support so far, we know how challenging it has been for the children and yourselves given the lack of notice we had in moving to this latest lockdown.

As a school we have been incredibly impressed with how many of the children have engaged with the work on Seesaw; thank you, we know it is not easy to juggle your work and support the children with theirs. It is vitally important that during this lockdown we continue to move children's learning forward so that the children do not fall behind.

The expectations from the Government have changed and as such, I wanted to clarify this with you, and reinforce the fact that we are here to support you with this new way of working.

For KS2 children they must complete at least 4 hours of learning each day. This does not need to be done all in one sitting and because of your own work commitments we recognise that it may be completed outside of regular school hours, however it is vitally important that it is completed if we are to maintain the standards in the children's learning.

Teachers will post teaching explanations on the Seesaw platform to support learning, but if for any reason you or your child needs extra support, please let us know either on Seesaw or via schoolComms.

We are introducing a session to 'ask the teacher', which will be live via Teams. You and your child will be able to log into Teams and speak directly to the teacher to have any specific support. These sessions also might take the form of specific children being invited into a live teaching session to address any misconceptions or to clarify a teaching point.

We will be introducing 'live' sessions with the whole class that the children can join, so that they are able to maintain contact with their teacher and their classmates. There will also be weekly assemblies on a Friday for Praise Assembly where the whole school will be able to join. This is really important in supporting the children's well-being and something that we have been very keen to do, but needed the Trust and LEAD IT to approve this and put the essential infrastructure in place.

All of these initiatives have taken time to put in place so that we have the correct safeguarding measures in place. We have been working for some time, and well before this latest lockdown was announced, to have the infrastructure in place and approved. We expect the children to remember all the work we have done about safety on line, but this will also be revisited with them to ensure they are clear about it.



The children will receive their individual Teams login details on Seesaw, but they will also be available from the office from Wednesday morning should you need them.

LEAD IT have sent this link for you to use about getting on Teams and how to use it, please do take a look.

Video for Parents (How to Access Teams at Home) -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qx8xHpRMFHU&list=PLiluTszfwwMKicAo6agloFALEB5WvYNYs>

I also wanted just to let you know that sometimes we send out messages to parents that go to everyone, for example messages about PE kits; if you know that your child has their kit in school, rest assured that we do not need you to follow this up. But it is easier for the Office Team to send global messages rather than individual ones, the ladies in the office are working extremely hard at the minute because of running the school remotely for the majority of the children and in school for specific groups. If at any time you are not sure about a message, then please do let us know and we will be happy to help.

We are really looking forward to having the opportunity of meeting the children via Teams and we hope that you will support us with this.

As with anything new, there may be gremlins in the works, so please be patient with us.

Again I would like to thank you all for your support, it has been amazing.

Stay safe, best wishes



**Mrs Susan Wass**  
**Head of School**

