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Dear Parents,

The Government's pledge at the moment is that all schools will not be widely locked-down, even if other elements of society will be. However, we would like to share our plans with you should a 'bubble' need to close due to confirmed cases of COVID-19.

As you may know, **Google Classroom** is an easy to use online tool that allows teachers to send information to your child at home. It is a secure learning network which provides a safe way for us to connect, share content, access homework, participate in discussions and receive class information. Resources for homework and remote learning will be available on your child's Google classroom account. Google Classroom is accessible at home through the internet and can be used through multiple devices with internet capabilities—including iPhone, iPad and Android devices alongside a PC or Mac computer.

All Year Groups will have work set daily on Google Classroom, this will be in the form of daily lesson slides. Year R and 1, due to the nature of their learning, will only be using the system in a limited way to introduce and set their learning activities.

We have put together physical home learning packs which live in the classroom and are ready to go if needed. They contain various resources and equipment. Alongside that are instructions for logging onto to Google Classrooms and a suggested daily timetable for learning. I keep using the word suggested because that will be based on each family's individual circumstances - **not all parents have access to a laptop or good internet access or the time to spend 'teaching' their children while also going out to work themselves. We appreciate that all of these things are challenging.** A survey will be sent out to identify any barriers that you may have accessing technology from home.

At present, if a child is at home waiting for the results of a test, either for themselves or a family member then no home learning will be set. If however, the child then needs to isolate due to a positive test, or a close household member testing positive, then they will receive the 'slides' from the lessons being taught in class on Google Classroom and will be able to join the lessons virtually through Google Meet if they wish.

Whilst we hope that we never have to do this we wanted you to know that we are fully prepared for such an event.

A letter will be sent home tomorrow detailing the login details to access your child's Google account. From Key Stage 1 upwards, homework will also start to be set using Google Classroom.

Should our school need to lockdown fully, either because of a national lockdown or a 'bubble' lockdown the following work will be set on Google classroom on a daily basis for children:

MIS Reception, Years 1 and 2	Daily Maths
	Daily Phonics
	Daily Sentence/Grammar Activity <i>(Reception from Spring Term)</i>
	Daily Handwriting
	Topic Lesson - 3 during the week

MJS Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Daily Maths
	Daily Spellings/Sentence/Grammar Activity
	Daily Reading Comprehension
	Daily Handwriting
	Topic Lesson - 3 during the week

If an individual child needs to isolate due to a positive test or a close household member testing positive then they will receive the 'slides' from the lessons being taught in class on Google Classroom and will be able to join the lessons virtually through Google Meet if they wish.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Wakeman
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