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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Ongoing Closure Arrangements

I hope that you and your families are healthy and continuing to stay well both physically and mentally through this COVID19 crisis. I've seen lots of you getting involved on our social media accounts; it's always reassuring to see your messages, comments and 'likes'. I realise that home schooling will be becoming more challenging as time progresses, and I appreciate your worries about this. Some parents have expressed to me that they feel guilty because they aren't able to give the time that they would want to, to their children's learning due to work commitments. Please be reassured – we understand that you're all under tremendous pressure right now. Whilst I would encourage you to do everything you can, you are only human! Please try not to worry. We have plans in place to address any curriculum gaps once the children are back in school. If you have limited time, please try and focus on core subjects such as reading, writing and maths.

Even though school is closed, we still have a responsibility to ensure that all of our children are safe and well. The large majority of pupils and families are checking in regularly with class teachers via Teams, Dojo and Purple Mash however, there are certain families that we haven't heard much from. As time goes on, not seeing or hearing from children worries us. Therefore, from this week, we are introducing a tiered safeguarding monitoring system as below:

Tier 1	Pupils/families who are in regular contact with no safeguarding concerns
Tier 2	Pupils/families who we haven't heard from by 12pm on Thursday each week.
Tier 3	Pupils/families about whom our concerns are escalating
Tier 4	Pupils/families at moderate risk of harm
Tier 5	Pupils/families who are most risk of harm or neglect

The large majority of our children will sit within Tier 1. If we do not hear from families via Teams, Dojo or other online platforms, then we will move them to Tier 2 and carry out a welfare telephone call on either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning of the same week. This doesn't mean that we are concerned that your child is being neglected, it is to check that you are all well and to see if there is anything we can do to help. We realise that if family members have become unwell, or have suffered bereavement, getting in touch with school may be the last thing on your mind. **If you receive a call from the school office, please answer it.**

To stop us worrying, and to support staff in carrying out these wellbeing checks, can I request that families try to make contact with your child's class teacher each week? We would really like to hear from the children themselves, or see some pictures of you all, happy and healthy, where possible.

Thank you for your ongoing engagement and support. We hope to see you all very soon! Take care and stay safe.

Best Wishes
Miss Robinson