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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Re: Remote Learning Arrangements**

Thank you for your overwhelming support in the last few hours since the government announcement. I am writing to confirm remote learning and safeguarding arrangements moving forward. I can confirm that the school is closed to all pupils apart from:

- the children of critical workers, or
- children who are considered to be vulnerable.

We have now processed all applications for critical worker provision and responded to parents individually. If your child has a place, this will be open to them Monday to Friday. There is no need to book provision. However, if your child is not going to be in school, please follow the usual absence procedures and let us know via the school office. If you have applied and have not heard from us, please do get in touch – it's been a busy day.

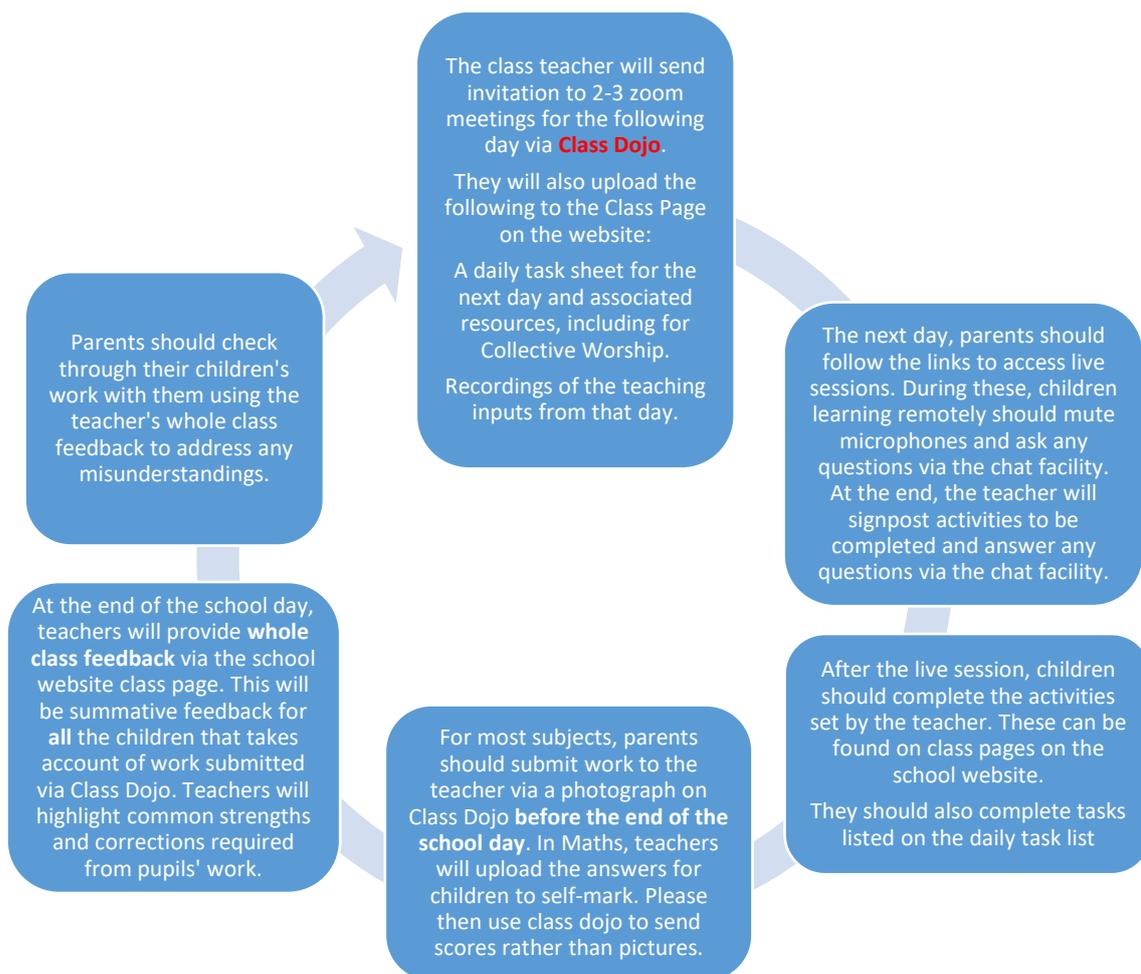
We have had a huge number of applications for critical worker provision. At present, more than half of our families have submitted an application. This comes at a time when, as you know, our staffing levels are currently reduced by 35%. All available staff will need to be in school in order to provide for the level of demand as well as providing remote learning. This is a huge ask of staff so please be compassionate and patient with them. We are all doing our utmost to support our school community.

Given the large number of applications and depleted staffing levels, please be aware that if we experience any further staff absence, we may be forced to close bubbles.

## **Remote learning plans**

Teachers will continue to teach the school's existing curriculum. Children who are learning remotely will be able to access live teaching inputs for core subjects alongside the children in school. Between Monday and Thursday, this will be English and Maths (with Phonics in KS1); on Fridays this will be RE and Science. This will be facilitated using Zoom meetings which are password protected. Each class will also have a daily task list which details all activities for the day and should take children at least three hours to complete. Please see the diagram overleaf which sets out how this will be organised.

If you are unable to access online provision. Please let us know immediately via the school office.



### Safeguarding

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 will naturally check in with class teachers via Class Dojo and chat facilities as part of remote learning. However, during the previous lockdown, there were certain families that we didn't hear much from. As time goes on, not seeing or hearing from children worries us. Therefore, as before, we will continue with our tiered safeguarding monitoring system as below:

<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Pupils/families who are in regular contact with no safeguarding concerns</b>
<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Pupils/families who we haven't heard from by 12pm on Thursday each week.</b>
<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Pupils/families about whom our concerns are escalating, or with underlying health conditions</b>
<b>Tier 4</b>	<b>Pupils/families at moderate risk of harm/protective factors such as EHCP</b>
<b>Tier 5</b>	<b>Pupils/families who are most risk of harm or neglect</b>

The large majority of our children will sit within Tier 1. If we do not hear from families via phone calls, 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, or a withheld number, please answer it.**

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