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But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded ~ 2 Chronicles 15:7

05 January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your patience and support at this time as we realise how difficult it is for everyone.

As much as we expected and were prepared for yesterday's announcement, it came far more suddenly than we could have predicted.

All pupils will have work set using Teams. Logins for these platforms have previously been sent home to as has a link including a guide on how to use Teams. Should you require further advice on accessing these platforms, please contact the school office.

The provision will differ from that that was previously instigated when remote learning was used before.

Each day all teachers will upload lessons to Teams and class Padlets. These will consist of teacher recordings and links. We have chosen to use mainly teacher recordings instead of live teaching so children can watch clips back and also will be able to share devices at home to view lessons. Children will then be able to complete and submit the given tasks, where teachers will then be able to provide some feedback and answers queries. As well as monitoring the online learning, staff will also be teaching Critical Worker children, so please be patient when awaiting replies. Class teachers would prefer work to be submitted and uploaded onto Teams however if you have problems with these, please upload to the class Padlets.

During the course of the week there will be a number of live inputs from class teachers. You will be informed of these over the coming days.

Please note, from next week, each Wednesday will be 'Wellbeing Wednesday'. Activities and tasks will be set which will provide children with a range of tasks to ensure they stay physically active, and have the opportunity to carry out wellbeing activities that would normally take place in sessions such as PSHE. On this day, every class will have a live Zoom meeting with their class teacher.

As always we will endeavour to ensure we provide your children with the education they deserve, but we may face some technical hitches along the way which we will hopefully resolve as quickly as we can.

The government has repeatedly stated that children have returned to school after the first lockdown 4-6 months behind. We have not seen this. We saw children who had been incredibly well supported by their families. Children who loved learning. Children who were engaged and making good personal progress. That was down to yourselves and the school working in partnership, which we hope will happen again.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me ~ Philippians 4:13

Once more I thank you for your patience and understanding in this worrying and uncertain time, but please remember we are here to support you in any way we can.

Stay safe,

Mrs Z Halden

Acting Head of School