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Dear Parents/Carers,

Since my last letter, you will all be aware that the country is now in another period of Lockdown. This has impacted on all of our lives, including the Education of our children. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout this very challenging time and for those families who are able to support by keeping your child at home. We will, of course, review all children throughout Lockdown and remain in contact to risk assess all those accessing their Education remotely.

Remote Learning Support

Remote learning can be challenging for any family, but it can be more so for those who have children with special educational needs. We know that you are all working really hard and would like to reassure you that although your child may not currently be in school, that we are here to help. Should you need any advice and support in regards to delivering Home learning or strategies to support with behaviour or Speech and language or even to just talk to others who are in the same situation, then please sign up for our weekly coffee mornings. These are being run to help support you and your child getting the most out of the remote learning experience and include access to a range of agencies as well as Teacher support and technical support for using technology. Alternatively, you can also contact the school for support. We look forward to seeing some of you there.

FSM

The school office is currently organising the purchase and distribution of Super Market Vouchers for those children accessing remote learning who qualify for Free School Meals (FSM). These vouchers are for the value of £15 each week and will be issued for the first two weeks of this term. The National FSM voucher scheme opens again next week, and further vouchers will be ordered through these scheme again moving forward.

As there are some children currently self-isolating, who would have been accessing lunches on site, we are also including vouchers for these children for the period of their self-isolation from school. The vouchers should be with all families by the beginning of next week.







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Self-Isolation

The Government has amended the Self-isolation period from 14 days down to 10. As a school we are currently taking the additional control measure of asking that any staff or children required to self-isolate also access remote learning and stay at home until 14 days have passed. This will still allow staff and children to leave their homes after the 10 days but they will not come back into school until 14 days have lapsed. This is a short term control measure to reflect the high cases both locally and nationally until the rising cases plateaus as well as optimising health and safety on site. We expect to be able to move to the 10 days in the next couple of weeks and will update our isolation guidance at that time. We thank you for your continued support and for informing us quickly of any suspected or confirmed cases.

Thank you again for your continued support as it is appreciated by our staff, who are currently working hard, to ensure your child is able to still receive their educational entitlement. We also extend our own thanks to those of you who are also key workers providing further services for us all. Please remember to contact us for any further support or sign posting and we look forward to the time when we can have our whole school community together again.

Yours Sincerely

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