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Good afternoon,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe? We have had a really busy week in school supporting the pupils in and out of school with their online learning. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for supporting the children whilst learning at home and hope you have enjoyed being part of some of the lessons.

In the newsletter today we are asking for your opinions on how online learning is going so far. Attached at the bottom of this newsletter and also on the school website is a questionnaire we would like all pupils and parents to complete and send back into school so we can gauge how well online learning is going. If you could return the questionnaire by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January and then I will share the results the next week. We also have a new teacher starting in Year 2 so please read on to find out more.

### **NEW YEAR 2 TEACHER**

We would like to welcome our new teacher in Year 2 that will take the class through to the end of the school year. Miss Ridgway will start working with the pupils from Monday with online learning and is really looking forward to getting to know the pupils and parents.

I would like to say a HUGE thank you for Miss Renshaw who has covered the class the past three weeks. She has been an absolute star and I'm sure we will see her in school in the future.

### **PUPIL, PARENT AND STAFF QUESTIONNAIRE**

Now we have finished the second week of online learning we are completing a whole school survey of what is going well but also in how we can improve. We are asking all staff, pupils and parents to complete the survey so we can improve the learning we are giving and see where our gaps are in terms of ICT. Please complete the survey attached with this newsletter so that we can improve our online learning package.

### **PUPIL/STAFF/PARENT GUIDELINES**

After supporting the pupils during the past two weeks, we have created some guidelines to ensure lessons can run smoothly and we can keep pupils safe online. Please follow these to help the staff lead the online learning:

- Pupils must be dressed appropriately



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- Children should be working in a safe, appropriate environment (not lying in bed )
- Lessons must not be recorded or photographed
- All comments that are being posted on the live chat are about the learning.
- Pupils must not create their own meetings. Meetings will be created by teachers if needed.
- Don't worry if your internet connection fails or if your computer crashes. All work / activities will be saved in the files section.

### NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

Please can I ask that everyone follow the strict guidelines that have been put in place for our safety. Hopefully, if we can follow these guidelines we will be able to return after the February half term. I completely understand the stresses and strains at this time and please email me if you need anything at all. Below are the latest guidelines issued for this lockdown. Please follow them so we can keep everyone safe.

You should follow this guidance immediately. This is [the law](#).

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### Leaving home

You must not leave, or be outside of your home except where necessary. You may leave the home to:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- meet your [support bubble](#) or [childcare bubble](#) where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- attend education or childcare - for those eligible



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If you do leave home for a permitted reason, you should always stay local - unless it is necessary to go further, for example to go to work. Stay local means stay in the village, town, or part of the city where you live.

If you are [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) you are advised to only go out for medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential. We recommend that you do not attend work

### Meeting others

You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone you do not live with or are not in a [support bubble](#) with (if you are legally permitted to form one).

You may exercise on your own, with one other person, or with your household or support bubble. This should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.

You cannot meet other people you do not live with, or have not formed a support bubble with, unless for a permitted reason.

[Stay 2 metres apart](#) from anyone not in your household.

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### FREE MOBILE DATA

#### VODAFONE SIM CARDS

To support with accessing the online lessons we have been given free data SIM cards from Vodafone. They include 30GB of data and can be put into phones, laptops and tablets so that your children can access the internet if you do not have wifi. If you would like one, please come to the office to collect one.

These are on a 'first come, first served' basis.

#### Three UK

Mobile network Three UK are working in partnership with the Department for Education to provide free internet data to disadvantaged children so they can access remote learning.



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Since mid-December, Three UK have been providing free unlimited data for customers, which will allow pupils to use this data to hotspot from their phone to devices such as laptops or tablets to enable them to continue their education.

Schools will be able to identify those children in need of free data and invite them, or their parents or carers, to apply via an online portal set up by the Department for Education.

Applicants need to be Three UK customers (on pay monthly or Pay As You Go) and their information will be securely passed on.

The pupils will be able to use the offer until the end of the school year in July 2021.

Visit - [www.gov.uk/government/news/one-million-laptops-and-tablets-for-disadvantaged-children-and-young-people](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/one-million-laptops-and-tablets-for-disadvantaged-children-and-young-people) - to find out more.

Finally, please can I remind all parents dropping off and collecting children from school that children should be collected by one adult only and that all adults must wear a face covering whilst on the school grounds.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school open.

Have a great weekend and look forward to speaking to you soon.

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