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Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you

Many thanks for your ongoing patience and support during the first few weeks of the Spring Term. We understand that it is a tricky time for us all. We want to thank you for all of your efforts with home learning. We know that you and your children are doing your very best and that is all we can ask for. Our main concern is that your children are safe, secure and reassured during these difficult times. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can help in anyway.

Re-opening of schools

The Government announced that they plan to start reopening schools from the 8th March. We are led to believe that this will be a phased return, but this has not been confirmed. We will let you know any further details as soon as we receive them.

Mental Health

As you are aware it is Children's Mental Health week, many children around the country will be learning about promoting positive mental health and ways in which to keep their own minds fit and well. The national theme for this year's week is to "express yourself" and children will be encouraged to celebrate the many things that make them who they are. There are lots of useful links on 'It's Learning' and please see attached leaflet.

Statutory Assessments

We have received confirmation that all statutory tests will be cancelled for this academic year. This means that the school will not be required to conduct these assessments. The assessments this affects are:

- Early Years Foundation Stage Profile
- Y1 Phonics Screening
- Y2 Phonics Screening
- Y2 SATs
- Y4 Times Tables Check
- Y6 SATs

However, we will be using some assessment materials in order to inform our teacher assessment judgements. Teacher assessment judgements will be shared with parents during parent consultations and in the end of year report which Parents/Carers will receive in July.

Remote Learning Offer

We have worked extremely hard over the last few weeks to provide high quality remote education which is in line with DfE expectations as well as being manageable for parents and children. We are providing pre-recorded teaching and the regular 'live' Zoom session in order to maintain the connection to school, which we know is really important to children.

We are always looking to enhance our provision for the children and are continuing to extend our provision. We have given a lot of thought to our offer as well as responding to feedback from staff and parents. We would appreciate your feedback on our remote education offer. If you have any thoughts you would like to share, please do so using this link.

[Remote Learning Survey](#)

Devices

If you are having difficulty accessing a device for your child to use, please do contact the office. We may be able to help. We may also be able to help with WIFI.

Contact

We will endeavour to keep you informed of every step we take, when we are able to, in line with the Government guidelines via text, emails and Facebook.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the school and wider community. Please do keep safe and look after one another.

Warm Regards

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