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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well in these difficult times.

We have now completed our first week of 'Lockdown school' and I have been so impressed with the engagement and effort made by all the children. It has been fantastic to see so many children engaging in their 'live lesson' and I know from all of your feedback how much the children have enjoyed seeing their friends and teachers.

I have to express my thanks to my amazing team of staff who have 'moved mountains' to ensure remote learning packs are set up and live lessons are in operation. All staff are in school daily and staff are having to oversee both children in school and remote education. This is by no means an easy feat but I am sure you will agree that they are doing an amazing job. If you do require any help or support please just get in touch via email or phone.

Could I please remind parents that the government advice remains the same, **if you can stay at home you should**. We want to keep contacts as low as possible for the safety of all. **If you can keep your child at home, please do**.

## Home access

We recognise the difficulties some families may be having when everyone is trying to access a device at home. In case parents are unaware, an [X box](#) or a [PlayStation](#) can be used to access the Google Classroom. Clicking on the link in blue will direct you to a YouTube video guide.

If you are having any difficulties with accessing a device please do get in touch. If we are able to help we will.

## Mobile data

We are able to request mobile data increases for children who meet all 3 of the following criteria:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

If you feel you are eligible and would like us to apply on your behalf, please do get in touch. Most of the major mobile network operators are part of this initiative including Three, SMARTY, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile, Sky Mobile, O2 & Vodafone

## Face masks

We are asking that all adults wear a face mask when on site. If you are unable to wear a face mask, could you please let us know to avoid anyone being approached unnecessarily.

## PD Days

We originally had:

Friday 19th March 2021 & Monday 21st June 2021 where school was closed to pupils for Professional Development Days. These have now been cancelled and changed to:

**Monday 19th July & Tuesday 20th July 2021.**

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We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

### Chair of Governors

At the end of the autumn term, Mrs Jowett had to make the difficult decision to step down as Chair of Governors due to her increasing work commitments. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Jowett for all of her hard work, dedication and strategic leadership as Chair of Governors.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Julie Lumley has stepped up to Chair of Governors and Mr Matthew McCarrick has taken over the role of Vice-Chair. I look forward to working with them both in their new roles.

Best wishes to you and your families. Please do take care & stay safe

Mrs A Brinton

Headteacher

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