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We love, value and respect each other.

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Dear Parents,

What an interesting start to the New Year! Added to all of the other complications, we have snow today! I would like to start this letter by thanking you all for all of your help and support over the last week. We were delighted to be able to open on Monday, only to have to close on Tuesday and then reopen on Wednesday. Your patience and support has been invaluable. I know that the last few days have been very stressful, trying to get children online and many of you will be doing this whilst trying to work from home. You are all in our thoughts.

You will note that we have quite a number of children who have come into school. The list of critical workers has seen a large increase since March last year. In addition, there only needs to be one key worker at home. We have offered places to families based on the information that they have given us and trust it to be accurate. Furthermore, we have offered places to those children who need to be in due to family circumstances. In a number of classes, we are full now. I am sure that you will appreciate that we are trying to limit the number of children in classrooms to avoid the spread of the virus and keep children and staff safe. This is very difficult and we are having to make tough decisions which do not suit everyone. Please support us with this, in times like this we need to support one another.

As we continue into the second week, can I ask you to help us with the following points:

Marking and feedback

As we stated in the letter emailed to you all on Tuesday, teachers will mark the work that children complete. However, just to note, the answers to work done in CGP books are in the back of the book. Any other booklets will be collected in by the staff at the end of lockdown and checked for misconceptions. Children are welcome to email the class email address with other tasks. However, please note that staff will only be checking this email address every day between 3.15pm and 5pm. If you have any problems with IT or concerns during the day that need to be addressed please contact the school office. Children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be submitting their work to teachers via their Teams file, this will be marked by the teacher and feedback provided where necessary.

Online chat using Teams

The staff are monitoring the chat feature closely, we ask that the children use this only as directed by their teachers. During lesson times it should only be used to discuss the content of the lesson.



Acceptable User Policy

This will be sent out to families in due course and will highlight what the expectations are of the children whilst using their Microsoft accounts. The fact that the children are logging onto Teams for their lessons will indicate that they are in full acceptance of this policy.

I very much hope that this letter answers any questions that you might have had. I hope and pray that you and your families stay safe and well. May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs CM Craig
Headteacher

