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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Update Letter – 8<sup>th</sup> January

As we come towards the end of our first week of remote learning, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support with accessing live lessons, completing assignments and engaging with home learning. It has been absolutely amazing to see so many children attending the live lessons with great enthusiasm and much needed perseverance as we all get to grips with technology. Each lesson is recorded and can be viewed at a later time if that is more convenient. If you are having difficulties with this, then please contact the class teacher through their class email address or via the school office.

The expectation is that **all children access learning via Teams**. There are three lessons a day for children to attend and work to complete. Please let us know if there are any reasons why this may not be possible. It is important that you allow your child onto the live lessons as this is good for their mental wellbeing in terms of seeing their classmates and being able to interact and also for them to receive good quality teaching from their class teacher.

Staff will continue to call parents to check if they need any support with accessing Teams when children are not in lessons. Timings for lessons are also on the Teams page.

With much more of our time being spent online, we would like to ensure that all our children stay safe online. We would also like to remind children about making sure that they are only using the Teams chat facility to discuss and ask questions about learning; it is not social media. We expect children to show our RECIPE when using Teams, just as they do in school.

We understand that many parents are trying to juggle home schooling, caring for younger children, working from home and other commitments. Many members of school staff are also in this position! We can all just do our best – please do get in contact if you find you are struggling and we are happy to talk through how we can help.





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If your child is eligible for means tested free school meals, a food hamper has been ordered from TCS. Unfortunately, Morrison's were unable to take on the order we placed. We apologise for any confusion and upset this may have caused. We are hoping to revert to the voucher scheme used previously and further information will be released.

We have a number of critical worker children currently in school. However, it is important to be mindful that the facility is intended to be used by parents who are involved in critical occupations that are central to the Covid 19 national efforts and should be balanced with their child's safety and the safety of others in the community.

Please can we kindly ask that if we email, text or phone you, that you do reply to us so that we can pass on any messages quickly or if there are any immediate changes which may affect your child.

Wishing you all a good weekend and we look forward to seeing the children on teams next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Duncan



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