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Dear Parents and Carers

Last week was a challenging time for us all with arrangements having to be put in place at very short notice. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being so understanding. I appreciate that this was a difficult time for you as well.

I am writing today to update you with the current situation now further guidance has been published by the government.

Attendance

I am attaching a letter from the local authority and parents' forum - SENDIASS, which outlines local guidance about who should attend school. I am pleased that we are currently able to offer places for parents who wish to take them up. I know that this was a difficult decision for many of you and be assured that if your situation changes and you would like to take up a place we will be able to consider this, dependent on staffing levels and our risk assessment. Obviously we need to be mindful of the advice to limit contacts to help reduce transmission and circumstances may change, but we will always respond to any safeguarding concerns.

Covid Protective Measures

We have reviewed our risk assessment and protective measures to ensure we are following the most up to date guidance about keeping staff and pupils safe. We have reduced the number of pupils in a class and created 'mini-bubbles' of two classes. We have also reduced transitions and changed lunchtime arrangements. This will minimise contacts. We have continued our rigorous cleaning regime and are ensuring rooms are well ventilated. Our updated risk assessment can be found on our website.

Remote learning

We are offering remote learning for all of our pupils not in school and I encourage you to engage with this. If you have any problems with what has been provided, please discuss this with your child's class teacher in the first instance. We aim to ensure the activities provided are differentiated and at an appropriate level.

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You should have received information about how to log onto our online learning platform – Microsoft 365 (Teams). Increasingly this will be our main means of providing learning activities and gives opportunities for your child to join in with classmates who are in school. This contact is important to maintain relationships.

Please let your child's class teacher know if you are having problems accessing online learning. If your child does not have access to a tablet or laptop we may be able to help so make sure your child's teacher is aware.

Please also share with us the things your child has been doing. Last year we had some lovely examples of achievements by our pupils whilst at home.

Free School Meals

We are currently providing vouchers using the Wonde system and you should now have access to these if your child is eligible for free school meals. Please let the school know if you are unable to access them.

Over February half term the government will be continuing the winter grant scheme which was also in place over Christmas and your details will already be on the system. If your circumstances have changed and you feel you may now qualify for help, or you are struggling please let us know.

Safe and Well Checks

Teachers will be continuing their weekly calls to catch up and check all is well. This is your opportunity to discuss any issues. If your child is able to speak to the teacher they may find this helpful.

I will continue to provide updates as circumstances change. I hope that we will be able to welcome all of our pupils back into school once current restrictions are eased in the not too distant future.

In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss any concerns.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School





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