

Friday, 15 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of the first fortnight in our new routines, we want to thank you for all your continued support and update you on a few things.

### **Home learning**

It has been a challenging start to 2021 for all of us, but with your help children have adjusted remarkably well to their home learning. There have inevitably been a few teething issues as we restarted our remote education, and we are grateful for the patience of all parents and carers—especially those of children in Class 1 while we have migrated our provision from the Tapestry platform to Seesaw this week. All Classes are now solely using Seesaw, and it is proving an excellent tool to share resources and engage with both children and parents.

It has also been a pleasure to talk to children via Zoom for class meetings and collective worships, and we hope they have enjoyed the chance to see their friends. We appreciate that remote learning is not easy for everyone, and, as we noted in our last letter, the priority is for us all to stay as relaxed and positive as possible. We are posting a variety of learning opportunities in order to continue to offer a broad and balanced curriculum. We are also aware that some parents are doing alternative learning activities with children, and we would love to hear about them! Please post photos to your child's Seesaw journal, so that teachers can monitor their work and congratulate them.

### **Children of critical workers**

The school continues to welcome the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. As you may know, the government's guidance on eligibility for places at school has recently been updated, and it emphasises that for the safety of everyone, children of critical workers should only attend school if absolutely necessary for work reasons, and that they should stay at home and access remote education if they possibly can. If there is another parent/carer at home, we would appreciate your support in home learning. The full guidance on eligibility is [here](#).

### **School staffing**

You will appreciate that staffing at the school is subject to change at short notice, in line with government guidance on isolation and illness. For this reason, please bear with us if we have to adjust either school or remote teaching arrangements, or if it takes staff a little while to respond to any messages via Seesaw or email. Of course, we all remain very happy to discuss any queries or concerns, and to hear any suggestions that might develop our home learning provision.

With very best wishes,

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Chair of Governors