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Dear Parents,

Firstly I would like to thank you as parents and the children who have adapted so quickly to home-schooling. The announcement last Monday was as much a surprise for us as it was for you, we had no prior warning and so to get to the point that we are in today is astonishing.

I have to thank the commitment and dedication of the staff who have gone above and beyond to put in place what we have so far. I am working closely with the teachers and staff to make sure that their workload is manageable to prioritise their health and wellbeing and that of the children also.

A large number of staff are required in school to support the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children which is working on a rota basis of a week in and a week out. When the teachers are in school for the week, it is unlikely that the live and teacher recorded lessons are able to be delivered. There will, however be online links for high quality video lessons set for the children to access in order to continue with their learning. Teaching assistants are able to support the children in the mornings with this as well as run the online daily drop-ins.

I would like to gain your feedback on what we are currently offering and so I would ask that you complete the google form below in order to help us move forward. We understand that everyone's situation is different and so what works for one child or family may not work for another.

I have signed our school up to a couple of groups and businesses who are donating laptops and tablets to schools so that as many children have access to their own device. If you know of any businesses who have redundant laptops or have an old one lying around that could be passed onto some of our families, please get in touch.

I am aware that many of you may not have enough devices at home, in an ideal world your children would each have a device of their own. Could you please complete the second google form which asks questions about access to devices and the internet so that we can start to hand out any donations that we receive or work to get you more access to the internet?

<https://forms.gle/m2aJJcXoTQkEmvcy5>

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Thank you so much for all that you are doing.

Take care all,

Kirsty Robson

