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Learning through the Lockdown

Remote learning

We are really pleased to have been able to offer live learning to all children from the start of the week. Feedback from children and families has told us that children are enjoying seeing and communicating with their teacher and friends in lessons

We are delighted that **over 94% of our children accessed live lessons** (or learning in school) . Thank you so much to parents and carers for supporting your children to join in. We know that juggling home learning with work and other daily responsibilities is not easy!!

So far we have loaned out 18 laptops and ipads to families who have told us that they need a device for their child. If you need a device, or are struggling with internet connectivity please let us know and we will do our very best to help.

Learning safely and sensibly

Please make sure that your children follow the rules for learning online:

- Only join the lesson when it starts
- Wear appropriate clothing– not pyjamas please
- Make sure you are in an appropriate place such as desk or kitchen table
- If a child is working in their bedroom they must have their door open
- Never mute anybody else
- Use the 'raise hand' if you want to speak.

Key Worker Places

We have significantly more children attending school than in the previous lockdown. On Friday the government changed its guidance and asked that parents who are key workers keep their children at home if they are working from home and able to do so.

We do not want to limit school places, but also want to keep everyone in our community (children, teachers and families) as safe as we can.

I would like to respectfully ask you only to send your child to school at times when they *absolutely need the place*. This will enable us to maintain some social distancing in school and try to reduce the risk of transmission between people in school and the community. Many thanks for your understanding and support.

Working hard to stay safe

We all know that we cannot guarantee that any school is 100% 'Covid secure'.

However we have worked hard to review all our systems and routines to ensure that we are following the best practice we can. We continue to have enhanced cleaning and handwashing. We hope to be able to keep our older children working 2m apart in class.

We know that children who are attending school are unlikely to become seriously ill but may pass on the virus to other community members.

Please help us to keep everyone in school and in our community safe by making sure that you follow the COVID guidelines and social distancing at all times.