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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware from the national media, Government guidance is changing frequently to prevent the increase in people testing positive for Covid -19 and to limit the transmission of the virus. In geographical locations where there are positive cases, Local Authority partnered with Public Health England and the Trust work with schools to determine the need for any class bubble closures or wider adjustments.

We do all really hope that this will not happen, however I want to reassure you of the contingency planning that we have in place should the situation arise.

In the event of a closure of one or more bubbles within school, we will try to ensure that all children continue to access a full curriculum. We will do this by using Google Classroom so that the children can access lessons and resources wherever they are. All our children are now used to this format, and we are continuing to use it for homework and also for some tasks within school. This is helping children to remember how they should log in and find their set work.

Class Bubble closure.

Children in Year 1-6

If the class bubble has to close and all children have to work remotely, the teacher will:

- Set work in subject folders in Goggle Classroom. There will be daily English, maths and a foundation subject activity which will closely reflect the normal timetable.
- Class teachers will use links to model and explain lessons where possible. Some examples may be recorded by our teachers so that children have things explained in the way they would within school. We will **not be** delivering 'live' lessons.
- There will be additional links to the broader curriculum and wellbeing resources.
- An invitation to a weekly Google Hangouts 'check in' so that children can have a short conversation with their teacher and their friends.

Reception and Nursery will have some suggested activities in line with the areas of learning in the EYFS curriculum, and should continue to follow their own areas of interest. They may be given phonic sounds to learn and write, and a number to study and investigate. Regular activities and suggestions for support will be posted and you will be able to upload your activities to your child's profile. You will shortly receive an information letter about Tapestry explaining how this app works to protect your data and privacy.

Any child who has difficulties accessing technology needed should contact their teacher or the school office and we will investigate alternative methods of providing work (such as paper-based worksheets).

Teachers will respond to comments in Classroom learning whenever they are able, but the sheer volume of comments can sometimes make this unmanageable. We have therefore set up, and will closely monitor, a generic home.learning@kp.starmat.uk email address which children or parents should use for learning-specific queries or requests for support whenever possible and will lead to a more rapid response. Teachers will continue to monitor the level of engagement in tasks by each child in their class every day.

If individual children have to self-isolate but their bubble remains open, teachers will post work in Google Classroom for them to access from home. We will endeavour to keep this as close to the full curriculum offer as possible, although it may not entirely reflect the tasks done in class due to limitations on resources, practical tasks etc.

If your child has a Free School Meal entitlement, we will contact you to arrange collection of our grab a bag offer which will be issued twice a week initially. We will confirm this nearer the time.

It is important that if children are absent from school, they continue to read daily. This can be a book from home. Reading is a priority in school, and we would like you to continue making this a priority at home. KS1 and KS2 have access to online Oxford Reading books. KS1 also have access to online Floppys phonics and KS2 Read Theory.

Please also be mindful that physical education and personal, social and health education also form part of our daily timetable, therefore we would not expect the activities we provide to take up the whole school day. Where appropriate and possible, children should undertake regular physical activity during the day and undertake activities they find enjoyable to support their mental health.

Should the entire school close again, we envisage that we will again put provision in place for essential workers. This will be manned by school staff and appropriate safeguarding procedures will be in place. We will have an application and screening process in place to ensure that places are allocated appropriately. Children will form new bubbles within this provision. When in school, we will ask them to log into their Google Classroom and complete their set tasks. Staff will be on hand to offer support and guidance, but we will not be able to put on 'lessons' due to the breadth of different learning themes and abilities within mixed-aged bubbles. All other children will be expected to complete the tasks in their Google Classroom at home.

Please be reassured that we will continue to do all that we can to remain open safely. The above measures will only be implemented if we are instructed to do so by Health Authorities.

Kind regards

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Headteacher