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*"Barnabas, the Encourager"*

Good morning parents and carers

I hope that you have had a relaxing weekend after the chaos of the last week.

I'm sure that all the children are ready to go with their home learning this week.

Firstly I would like to thank you for your support in keeping your children at home where you can. The media is reporting very high numbers of children in schools across the country but at the moment and as a result of your sensible approach, I feel that our numbers are acceptable and allow for adequate and increased distancing.

If you are waiting to be loaned a device, they should be ready for collection any day now. Apologies that you have had to wait.

### **Remote learning reminders**

Children are already engaging well and producing some fantastic work. Wherever possible, please ensure that your child does the work set by the teacher so that all children in class are covering same curriculum areas.

If your child is not able to do all the work due to parents working at home / sharing devices / it is too much for them, please don't worry about it - just help them to do as much as they can. If you are struggling with sharing devices or to access the learning set by the teacher, your child could watch some of the BBC programmes for their age starting tomorrow. Click [here](#) for the schedule.

The learning set by the teacher is designed to be approximately 3 hrs for KS1 and 4 hrs for KS2 (as per government guidelines). This doesn't mean children should be sat in front of the screen for all this time or have to complete it in one go. Please make sure you all have regular and active breaks.

Some of you have asked about live lessons. We are developing our approach to this and will let you know more later this week. Key Stage 2 are trialling some live Google Meet sessions this week. For everyone's safety, please read through and follow our [Google Meet Protocol here](#).

### **ClassDojo**

There are still a few parents not signed up to classdojo. This is the main way for the class teacher to communicate with you so please work with the teacher to connect if you can.

## Online Safety

We have updated some of our policies and documents to support everyone to be safe online. It would be useful to read through the ['Acceptable Use Policies' for Parents](#) and talk about the statements in the [Key Stage 1](#) and [Key Stage 2](#) documents with your child. This half term, teachers will be setting some online safety activities as part of the curriculum too. Our full online safety policy can be found [here](#).

## Your feedback is important

Thank you to your lovely, positive messages last week. It was a week like no other and despite you having to suddenly deal with home schooling again, so many of you took the time to send supportive comments. It really did help! You are true 'Encouragers'. Please do let me or your class teacher how things are going and if something isn't working well. We are constantly reviewing our approach and don't know what needs to change if you don't tell us!

With very best wishes

Miss K Boardman

Headteacher

Thanks everyone and have a good week.

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