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Dear Parent and Carers,

Firstly, I want to thank the very many parents and carers who have taken the time to send messages of support to me and my team. I fully appreciate this situation is very far from ideal, but it has been heartening to know that so many of you, whilst would prefer things were different, understand why I have had to take the decision I have.

I wanted to write to you this evening, to outline once again what parents and carers should expect from remote learning. If you have been unable to find the time to look at <u>Google Classroom</u> until now, please take some time to login and familiarise yourself with the platform. Your child's teacher will upload work daily, to this platform, for you and your child to complete together. You will also be able to access our weekly live <u>Google Meet</u> sessions here.

If you are having any difficulties accessing the *Google Classroom,* please do not hesitate to get in touch with us here at school and we will be happy to help you.

As I am sure you can appreciate, the staff on site will be teaching over a third of the children in school, from tomorrow, whilst also preparing and providing remote learning for those children working from home, via Google Classroom. My staff will endeavour to respond to your messages in a timely manner.

Finally, whilst we sincerely hope that we will be able to continue to offer critical worker and vulnerable places, this can of course only be subject to sufficient staff availability, to ensure the school can operate safely. If we have insufficient staffing, to keep these groups safe on site I will be in touch with the parents and carers impacted.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Aldred