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Dear Parent/Carer

After an extremely turbulent start to the spring term, I hope you have all managed to have a restful weekend. We understand that this situation is far from ideal but I am sure that you have heard the worrying reports regarding Covid-19 in the media and can appreciate the need for school closures. Please find below some useful updates.

Remote Learning

Children will have access to live teaching and daily learning through Classdojo (Reception and KS1) and Microsoft Teams (KS2). If you are experiencing any difficulties with these platforms please email the admin address and we will get back to you with support. Remember that you can also access Microsoft Teams through Xbox and PS4/5 consoles!

To support home learning CBBC are providing a range of services. There will be both lessons and educational programmes. These include:

Online - learning resources for children of all ages can be found on the **BBC Bitesize website**.

TV - programming for primary school pupils will be on CBBC between 09:00 and 12.00 every weekday.

Red Button - the Bitesize Daily lessons will also be shown on the Red Button service on TV.

iPlayer - all episodes will be available on catch-up, **on demand on iPlayer**.

We are working tirelessly to ensure that our remote learning offer is the best it can be and will endeavour to help our children and families to the best of our ability.

Devices

We are acutely aware that some children may not have access to the remote learning platforms and we are looking at a number of solutions. We are offering paper copies of work that can be picked up from the office **from 12 noon on a Monday**. These paper copies are for children with no access to remote learning. Government funded laptops have been ordered and allocated to those children who qualify. Miss Flint has also signed us up to a database that is asking businesses with spare devices to donate to schools. We have already received some positive responses from this and will hopefully obtain devices this week! **Miss Flint will be talking to Mike Sweeney at 11:30am on BBC Manchester this week to discuss this scheme- please tune in!**



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Free School Meals

If you are entitled to benefit related FSM (not universal FSM) we are offering weekly care packages that can be picked up from the school office every Tuesday between 11am and 12noon. Please email the admin address if you are in receipt of benefit related FSM and would like to take advantage of this. We require a full week's notice for the order.

I will keep parents updated with respect to new Government guidelines, remote learning and any new support that may be on offer. Please continue to use the school website as we will update this weekly with details of free online resources and information for parents.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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