



18th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that my letter finds you all safe and well.

The snow last week was another challenge for very many of you I am sure; we had to close school on Thursday and Friday even to our most vulnerable children because of safety reasons. I don't know about where you were, but the roads were like ice here. Thankfully everyone so far is safe.

There are an ever-increasing number of people close to us who are being affected by the virus now and I wanted to reiterate my thanks to you for working so collaboratively with us to ensure that wherever possible the children are staying at home. These small actions help minimise contact and really do save lives.

It has been lovely to see so many of you engaging with Google Classrooms. Our teachers are getting better and better at this everyday - its new to all of us isn't it but just look at what can be achieved when we all work together. Please do let us know if you are having any problems or need any help with Google Classrooms - Georgina Walker will call you and talk through anything at all that you need. Similarly, if you have any issues with laptops, again, please do let me know. We don't have an endless supply, but we do have one or two left that we are more than happy to loan to you if this is something that you need.

The weekly safe and well checks will continue to take place throughout the whole of this period and so please do let us know there of any challenges that you are facing to see if there is anything that we can do to help.

We now have our Lateral Flow Testing in place for staff and this is taking place each week; we will soon be looking at implementing this for our secondary age children where you and they consent for this to take place. I will write to you further about that when we are closer to the time.

All that remains is for me to pass on to you my dearest wish that all those close to you remain safe; the vaccine is being rolled out throughout our community and we do know now that an end is in sight.

As you know I am always available to you should you need anything at all
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You're amazing.

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