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28 August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter contains information about home/school communication and homework arrangements. Although the current situation does present a few challenges, parental partnerships continue to be very important to our school. As we will not be able to have the same face to face interaction, we have made some adaptations to our policy and procedures.

### **Homework**

I have posted a copy of the school homework policy which has been adapted to take account of Covid-19 guidelines. Please note that as we are trying to minimise belongings travelling to and from school, children will not be required to return homework to school. However, I would like to stress that homework is still valued and will reinforce and consolidate learning in class. This is particularly important after such a long absence from formal schooling. Further information is included in the policy.

Homework will be posted on Seesaw using the **Family App**. Your child's class teacher will direct when homework is issued and when it should be completed. The teachers will use Seesaw to share evidence of the children's learning and experiences. This may be through sharing photographs or videos or examples of their work. You are able to comment on or 'like' these posts.

### **Home and School Communication**

Please ensure you have downloaded the Seesaw family app. Seesaw can be used to communicate with your child's class teacher. Please do not send notes to school. I respectfully request that you only use Seesaw for communication when necessary and also respect our working hours. Teachers will endeavour to respond to any communication during working hours if needed, but please be aware that there may be times when no response is required. At this time, I request that you do not contact the teachers by email. Teachers, like many other professions, already receive a vast amount of information (and junk mail) by email and it is very easy to miss an important communication. Seesaw is much more accessible and streamlined.

Any information about absences or appointments should be directed to the absence line or school office as appropriate. If you have concerns about an aspect of your child's learning, progress or wellbeing, please email myself, Miss Kirk or Miss McElhone for advice. We will also be able to arrange telephone appointments if required. Any school procedural enquiries should be directed to me.

### **Meet the Teacher**

Sadly you will not be able to visit your child's classroom or meet the teacher in person. Your child's class teacher will post a welcome video on Seesaw. This will include information about the classroom set up, routines and procedures. This will be available by the end of next week (Friday 4 September).

### **Tracking and Reporting on Progress**

Again, it is not possible at this time to arrange parent/teacher consultations. However, we will follow the government and council advice and make any changes as appropriate. Teachers will continue to provide a termly tracking report to inform you of your child's progress. Much of the assessment will be on-going, using formative assessment strategies rather than formal summative assessments. On-going formative

assessment will evidence how children are learning, while they are learning rather than an end of block test. We have always valued formative assessment approaches and strategies as good practice, putting the learner at the heart of the learning process. Although feedback will mainly be given orally or by using self and peer assessment strategies, it will still be possible to formally assess some written work. This might be done by taking photographs of children's work or allowing a suitable time to quarantine work before marking.

I hope you find this information useful as we continue to find our way to the new normal. Please see the contact details below if you need to get in touch for any reason.

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Take care and stay safe,

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