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Online Gaming

I know in the current situation, as the weather gets worse and the days get shorter, children may be spending time playing online games with others. It is advised that computers and consoles are in a public area of the house and that use is overseen by an adult who can monitor what their child is saying and to whom. Please ensure, for the safety of your own child as well as others, that this is closely monitored by an adult in the home.

Remote Learning - Seesaw

We are using "Seesaw" as our remote learning package for children during these challenging times. Please ensure you have logged onto this with your child(ren). Teaching staff will set learning for any children who have been advised to self isolate, either because they are awaiting a test result or because the family or school pod is self isolating. Feedback will be given regularly for these children.

Where children are at home because they are ill, we will not set work and so will not provide any feedback because we consider that if they are well enough to learn, they should be attending school.

Please bear in mind that teachers who are in school teaching classes, have limited time and capacity to be able to set and respond to home learning and be patient with this. Thank you for your support. <u>Online safety</u> - As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety of our children, all children have agreed an "acceptable usage policy". This is a contract giving guidelines as to how IT should be used in school but also at home. Policies are attached to this email so that you can support these principles at home.

Covid-19 Update

Thank you to parents and carers who this week for supporting our request to wear face coverings when collecting children from school. I think this serves as a timely reminder to us all that we need to continue to maintain 2m social distancing from all who do not live in our household.

We work hard throughout the day to maintain the integrity of each pod as far as possible by keeping children separate. To help us, please ensure that children are not mixing outside of school

except with Covid secure childcare or with siblings. Please bear in mind that we have staff and children in school who are vulnerable themselves or perhaps who live with others who are vulnerable. It is all our responsibility to reduce contacts as much as possible to make sure these people continue to feel safe and protected in school.

I aim to be as transparent as possible within school and you will have read of a further confirmed case within our closed pod. Thankfully, as this individual had not been in school since 10th September, there was no transmission risk so no further action for school to take and the individual has mild symptoms. Please ensure all local and national restrictions are being adhered to for the good of us all.

"Let all that you do be done in love"