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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

I do hope you are all well and have survived another week at this tricky time. As you will no doubt have heard there has been an announcement that some younger children may return to school after half term. I am afraid I have no more information than you at the moment and the current information is vague at best. Obviously as soon as I can communicate anything to you, I will.

### Remote Learning

Teachers have started to make contact with some families to see if there is anything that we can do to support remote learning. Please do not see this as a criticism. We are simply trying to find out if there are any ways in which we can help. When teachers are making contact with some families, they are also informing us of device issues. Please do not wait for us to call – let us know ASAP and we will try and help (email or phone the school office).

### Live Meetings (Update)

These have now taken place with Y4, 5 and Y6 and we have meetings planned for Y2 and Y3 next week. Our intention is to hold these meetings every week and hopefully include the younger pupils in a similar activity very soon. It is so lovely to see the children and I am sure they love seeing their teachers and some of their classmates. As I said last week, the focus will be very much on well-being, catching up and seeing friends. Please note, a few issues we have encountered have been around the microphones and speakers. Also, laptops and desktop computers are preferable if you have the option as this enables the children to see everyone on the screen at once.

### Children's Well-being

Next week is Children's Mental Health week and never has this been more of a concern to us all. We are all very aware of the effects the pandemic is having on children and possibly these effects will be with us for the months and years ahead.

Mrs Brown our Thrive leader has shared some ideas of activities that the children could take part in next week. I have attached the activity sheets and will also ask teachers to upload them to See-saw next week. Maybe you could choose an activity as a family.

As it looks as though the younger children will return to school first, we are keen to touch base with KS2 children in addition to their weekly class meets. Mrs Brown and Mrs Dimond will be phoning KS2 children over the next 2 weeks just for a catch up chat.

I would like to hear more about how all of the children are feeling and have created a child friendly survey on the link below. Please do support your child in responding to this with their opinions. The link will remain open for the whole of next week.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4\\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k5sTZ8rn83NIhuiGLncxhvBUNkg5NjlCT0IDOUhLMFQxR1hCT1c4SDISSi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k5sTZ8rn83NIhuiGLncxhvBUNkg5NjlCT0IDOUhLMFQxR1hCT1c4SDISSi4u)

My prayers continue to be with everyone at this difficult and worrying time. Stay safe everyone and try to have a happy, family weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher

Our value this half term is Perseverance. Never have we needed it more!

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance produces character; and character produces hope. (Romans 5: 3-4)*