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Dear Parents,

In my last email, I wrote about finding the positives in every situation. Yesterday, despite needing to close the school, the staff's positivity contributed to a herculean transformation within school.

The projects have been made ready for remote learning, timetables and information sent out and learning resource packs created. There has been so much more that has gone into getting the remote learning ready for today that it would be a very long letter indeed.

As the staff mentioned in their letters yesterday, the remote learning will be very different to last March. The learning packs have been replaced with direct teaching sessions through google classroom (apart from Foundation).

After speaking to a few parents, as they collected their children's remote learning resources, some parents hadn't quite realised this difference in the learning.

The timetables that were sent home yesterday are vital.

Throughout the day, there will be different google meets run by the class teacher. The teacher input will support the independent learning activity afterwards and so it is important for the children to be on time.

Children will need to log on to their school Google account to access the Google Classroom where the link for the meeting will be posted.

Most children will be familiar with this way of connecting to Google Meets as these were introduced towards the end of the last school closure.

The first few days may be a little bumpy, as systems become established, but please do persevere. It is important that your child engages with the school's learning as if they were in school. This will ensure that there are fewer gaps when school reopens fully, whenever that might be.

This next section is specifically for Critical workers.

Thank you for your quick response on the Google form. On the form, we did not request which days you work as we needed to organise things quickly. As I know that many of you are part-time, due to the large response, **we need that information from you now please**. Thank you to those of you who have already indicated those days that you need.

We are in the position of trying to both support the learning of all the children, support the work patterns of critical workers and to ensure that children and staff are safe. We need your help to reduce the numbers in school at this time. **Please email the school office ASAP with the days that you are working, meaning your children have to be in school.**

Thank you for your ongoing positive support.

Warm regards,

Mr Gibson and the SLT