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### Lockdown Update – 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first weekly update! We hope you are all well and managing to cope with the demands that life is placing on us all just now. It has been lovely to talk to a variety of parents and carers this week and to be able to help people get started with the remote learning. Please remember to contact us if you need any help and support with this and that if you would like a paper copy of the tasks please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

#### Google Classroom

It has been great to see so many of our children engaging with the Google Classroom tasks. We appreciate the hard work that the staff are putting into preparing these learning opportunities and the effort that families are going to in supporting their children to engage with them.

One of the tasks that both the children and teachers look forward to is a Google Meet where they can catch up 'face to face' over a video call. This is a great opportunity for a catch up, to answer any questions and to discuss learning with the children. Thank you for supporting your child to be part of any Google Meet lessons, but could you please ensure that you are not part of these lessons to ensure that the children are given every opportunity to speak freely with their teachers. Should you wish to ask a teacher a question or to have a discussion, these are to be organised through the usual way of contacting the school office to request a call. The digital learning policy for staff states that contact with parents should continue through the usual channels (telephone and email) and should not be carried out during a class Google Meet. When contacting the school requesting to speak to the class teacher, please use the phone number and email at the top of this letter and put the teacher's name in the 'subject' field. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### Survey

We have created a short survey to gauge initial thoughts and feelings around our remote learning approach and to identify anyone who requires support. We will text a link out and would appreciate it if as many of our parents and carers could fill it out as possible. Working together and having open dialogue is the best way for us to improve and adapt the service we are providing. The link to the survey will be sent out by text on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Curriculum Evening Videos

Before the Christmas holidays we sent out a link to some videos that our teaching staff made to show you how we teach different areas of the curriculum. We will re-send the link as you may find the Read Write Inc video and approaches to teaching Numeracy video helpful during this time. If you have any questions about the videos or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We are missing having everyone in the school building and hearing about all of your news. We were delighted to be contacted by a member of the public last week to highlight how responsible and polite one of our pupils were (Jade in P6) when helping reunite a lost dog with its family! Well done Jade! Please keep these good news stories coming!

*Lynsey Blair and the Sanderson's Wynd Staff Team*

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