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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, we start another week of school closure, although the school remains open for children of Critical Key Workers and Vulnerable children who have no other child care provision.

During these most uncertain times; I understand that home schooling may be a challenge for families. Please remember that there is no expectation that the entire contents of the VLE is completed and indeed the importance of creativity, playing games and staying physically active continue to be important.

Our teachers are continuing to work hard to provide learning through the VLE; we now also have a new 'Home Learning' pencil on our website which contains additional support and activities in many subjects to assist families at home.

We do not know when schools will reopen and we are continuously working to ensure that we are supporting our children and families.

We have previously shared information regarding the new BBC daily lessons available on BBC iPlayer and the BBC Bitesize website. Our teachers have been using these within their planning.

The Government has also launched a new resource; Oak National Academy which the teachers and I have been looking at to decide how best to combine it with our existing VLE:

'Oak National Academy is a new collection of high-quality lessons and online resources. Backed by the Government, it has been created in response to the coronavirus lockdown'.

The online classroom offers free access to video lessons, quizzes and worksheets; it covers a range of subjects. This is an entirely free platform, it has been designed to be accessible on any device including mobile, and there are no sign-up or logins required'.

Within our teacher's daily notes; they will let you know which lessons they have planned using the BBC and Oak National Academy video lessons and resources. However, you are free to use all of the 'online classroom' if you wish as they are fully available.

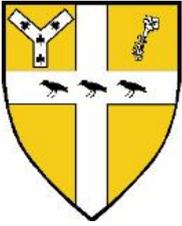
I would like to thank our teachers and you as parents and carers for your continued support during this time. Please do let us know how you are getting on and share anything the children are particularly proud of; we love hearing from you.

Of course, we are all looking forward to being together again; until then please remember that we are still here if you have any concerns or queries.

Best wishes

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