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Learning together, as we journey with God in Love, we act with Integrity, treat others with Dignity and grow in Confidence.

Dear Families,

22nd of January, 2021

Re. Lockdown January 21 - February Half term 2021.

Thank you for your continued support as the learning timetable settles down. The great majority of children are engaging in Google Meets, Google Classroom work and seeing their friends online. Teachers are continuing to work at home and are continuing to refine learning plans, seeking to make sure that every child has learning that meets their needs; that staff are available and supporting those who need it and that there is challenge in work for those who need it too.

We continue to seek to engage **every child**, just as if in the classroom. The office staff and SLT have been calling all those not yet engaged, because we care about each child's wellbeing and learning. Feedback is that the children enjoy seeing each other in screen and it maintains some kind of connections, which everyone needs. When we call, we are seeking to work together to overcome any barriers that may be causing concern. Please check that your child is engaging. Parents do not need to be with their child all through the Google Meet, but please talk with your child about turning on their camera. It is really important to staff to be able to see the child's face to help gauge if the child is understanding what is being asked.

Please continue to give feedback. Teachers are seeking to continue to refine planning to meet needs. Mrs Robins and I have zoom meetings with each year group through the week and they are telling us about how children are responding and when they are not. We are discussing the quality of the work. Now that routines are more established, staff are following up with the children who need it, via Google Meet. Staff may also choose to e.g. discuss a couple of Maths questions that were tricky for all, comment on the quality of editing in the English, etc. seeking to make sure that all children are doing their best to reach age related expectations, or more. Please bear in mind that support staff are also seeking to work with specific children as part of their learning plans, as are Mrs Gilbert with ELSA work and Mr Gray and Mr Mensah with their mentoring, so please do check the 'stream's for messages for these purposes.

There are a couple of things that teachers would really appreciate if parents could reinforce at home, if possible. We realise that everyone's circumstances are different, but if children CAN get their English and Maths returned to the teachers before the Google Meet in the afternoon, then that maximises opportunity for verbal feedback and addressing any misconceptions before the next day. For Maths, please also make sure that your child watches the video which explains the Maths. In some cases, staff have had cause to wonder if the child is watching the video clip because they seem to have rushed and got the worksheet done, seeming not to have learnt the key learning of the video. Staff are seeking to address this in their Meets and would ask parents to discuss this with children, where possible. Although staff may not mention the foundation work set during the same day it is given, all work is most definitely being looked at by staff and will inform the next unit of work in the next foundation lesson.

For those working on paper, please bring that work back to school. There will be a box underneath the table where packs are collected each week. Work may be placed there; it will be quarantined and then passed on.

If, for any reason, staff lose their Wi-Fi connection, we would ask that the children stay online for the duration of what was meant to be the Google Meet session. This allows the staff maximum time to seek to retrieve the Meet. If it is not possible to re-establish the Meet within the time frame, then please make sure your child monitors the stream so that they can see if the teacher wants to meet them at a different time.

Those entitled to free school meals will receive further vouchers next week. If there are families who are having any difficulties with this, please let us know.

We are pleased to say that baby girl Jules arrived safely on the 17th of January. Mum, (dad) and baby Jules are all doing well.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gruffydd - Headteacher



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