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Dear Parents and carers,

We now know that the government have made the decision to place England into full lockdown again until February half term. This has sadly meant schools closing to all pupils except the vulnerable and key workers children. We ask that you please support us in this and only access a place if there is no-one at home to care for your child and you are a keyworker. In this way we minimise the number of adults on site and the risk to our community and staff as well as the children.

We know that 'remote learning' for young children is not an easy ask! However, you did a great job in the first lockdown and we are all here to help you again. Please contact us if you have any difficulties understanding how to help your child or need guidance and resources. We have staff always ready to pick up your messages and help you. We did a survey after the last lockdown and you told us that our provision was good and that you and the children really learnt well when teachers put up video support. You also told us that it worked well for you if we posted the next weeks learning on a Friday to help you prepare. We will do this. You will see lots of this on the remote platforms this time. We know that young children learn best when they are happy and enjoy the tasks we set. Please talk to us if your child gets upset or is struggling and we can adapt tasks or talk directly with them. You all use the dojo/tapestry system so positively that we feel you already know how to reach out for support.

We are managing the remote learning by teachers either teaching live or teaching remotely. So please be aware that on some days you will have a different teacher from the same year group approving work.

We can provide paper copies of the learning if you cannot access dojo or tapestry.

As before my family support worker, Amanda Mason is available to offer help and signposting for families if you need anything. We know this is once again a very stressful time for our community and families will be facing financial hardship, isolation and in some cases bereavement. We can access support for you and will of course be making regular contact by phone or email to see if everything is going well and to listen if not.

I remain hopeful that by Spring we will all be together again. The school community is like a family and we will miss the children so much. We will do everything possible to ensure they continue to progress in their learning and are grateful that we had the whole of the Autumn term to catch up and set the year well. The children will build on this.

I appreciate your many positive and kind messages; they remind me just what a strong community this can be.

Kind regards, Mrs Holmes

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