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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your understanding and patience at this challenging time.

Following the government's announcement last night of a new national lockdown with immediate effect, we needed to make the difficult decision to close the school to all children today, to allow staff to make arrangements for the blended educational provision which will be available from tomorrow. This will include:

- Physical provision in school for all key worker and vulnerable children
- Digital provision for all other children - this remote learning will incorporate three hours daily of live or pre-recorded teaching from your child's class teacher, alongside relevant resources, feedback and assessment

The government has stated that all schools must work in this way until at least until February half-term.

You will very shortly receive a link to a Google Form which we need you to complete as soon as possible, ideally by tomorrow lunchtime at the latest. It will come via email with a subject line 'IMPORTANT: Parent Survey for Key Worker places and Digital Access Arrangements'. This will allow us to see which children will be coming into school because they are a key worker or vulnerable child, and which children will be accessing the digital provision from home. The form will also ask you about the digital access you have in your house to allow your child to access the live teaching and resources on the Google Classroom. If any children are unable to access our digital provision due to not having a suitable device or internet access, we will be able to help, so please let us know.

Please be aware that as the government advice is to Stay At Home, so if you can keep your child at home, then please follow this advice to reduce unnecessary transmission of COVID-19.

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We are in the process of creating a pack for every child which will contain an exercise book, basic stationary and reading books. These packs will be ready for you to collect on Friday of this week.

Hopefully you all have a Google Classroom login but if you have any difficulties accessing the Google Classroom, please let us know and we will help you. If your child is accessing our digital provision through the Google Classroom, then we expect them to engage for the lessons each day which will be from around 9am-12pm. During this time there will be a combination of direct teaching from the class teacher, interaction with the teacher and other children, whole class activities and independent working time. Between each lesson there will be time for a short break. At the end of each session children will be expected to submit the work they have completed in the lesson, which will then be marked and written feedback given at least once a week. There will then not be the expectation for you to complete additional work in the afternoon, although further optional activities may be shared with you.

For those attending the school sites, arrangements for dropping off and picking will remain as they were in the letter yesterday regarding re-opening, and likewise all the arrangements for in school such as hand washing and social distancing will also still stand.

I realise that this is a lot of new information and you may have further questions; if so, please feel free to email me via the school office or head@yoxvalley.org and I and I will be happy to help.

Best wishes

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