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Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to review our home-learning packs to see what, if any, additional provision we might put into place. Over the past weeks it has become clear that many children would like to share their work with their teacher. However, we need to find a secure and safe way of doing this. It has become apparent that many sites do not have suitable privacy settings and could put pupils, staff and parents at risk. Safeguarding will always remain a high priority at Preshute.

Our friends at Christ Church CEVC in Bradford on Avon, along with other schools, are carrying out trials of different learning platforms; we are involved in these discussions and will have access to the findings. As some of you may be all too aware, there is a lot out there; much of the feedback we have been getting is about which sites are relevant and suitable. We are also aware that for many families working online at set times is not possible as well as recognising issues around a large family with access to only one machine often being used predominantly by the parent to continue their job from home. Therefore, when we re-set our home-learning packs in a few weeks' time we need to consider whether the content is accessible to all. We should be in a position to let you know our next steps shortly.

In our design we also have to be conscious of the sustainability of any process. It may not be possible, for example, for input from your child's class teacher and yet we have to ensure the packs are updated. If it were the case that some staff were not to be available, then the school will prioritise our Year 6 pupils for continuous learning packs. This is because they are transitioning to their secondary education and we need to ensure that they can be as close to end of key stage expectations as we can get them in the current circumstances. We recognise that all year groups are important, but I am sure you can understand our rationale as all the other year groups would have the benefit of a catch-up programme on their return to school.

Some of you may be aware that BBC Bitesize is going to launch a national programme to support the daily teaching of mathematics, English and Science on the 20th April 2020. We will obviously take this into account in our planning. From the initial look at the site the signs look incredibly promising and very exciting.

The school will operate its childcare facility for its vulnerable children and where parents are key workers over the traditional Easter holiday. We would like to take this



opportunity to thank you for your patience and support during these past two weeks. It seems incredible how much we have all had to adapt in such a short time.

Although holidays may seem a long way off, may we take the opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Eastertide.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

Peter McGuigan
Chair of Governors

