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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well in these unprecedented circumstances.

I appreciate how much the children want to stay in touch with their teachers and we have been looking into this. Current advice from Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019 outlines the appropriate use of the internet and code of practice for online protocol for teachers. Therefore, we must now ask that no teachers receive zoom invitations, video calling or live streaming.

Although, I am aware that schools across the country may be engaging in online lessons or chats, questions have been raised over the security of these. Therefore, I have sought further information from the Local Authority for the correct safeguarding guidance regarding the best way for staff to communicate with pupils.

Also, as you know from our Parents Forums, our school IT system and the website have many limitations regarding the capacity of any information shared. Both are currently under review and we are exploring how we can use these to better effect.

Therefore, our current procedures for communicating with parents remain the same, these are:

Vulnerable families will continue to be contacted on a weekly basis by a member of the SLT.

I will continue to contact Key worker families to find out their requirements for child care. This will be either via email or a direct phone call.

Home learning will now be provided via the school website only, on a weekly basis by class teachers. If you are unsure about the expectations of the tasks set, firstly read the attached explanation from the class teacher and should you need further clarification, this should be done via admin@preshute.wilts.sch.uk. We appreciate home learning is tricky and children often respond to learning very differently at home than in school. The learning that we are suggesting are guidelines and can be adapted to suit your child and can be approached in any order, as you see fit.

Class R are using 'Evidence me' to share learning as this is part of their normal classroom practice.

The school is now open on a daily basis to provide childcare for key workers and vulnerable families. I would like to remind you that teachers and teaching assistants are still being required to work in school on a rotational basis and this will continue throughout the Easter holidays and beyond.

After Easter, I should be in a position to issue a new statement, once we have had the opportunity to review home learning and the way in which we are able to communicate with parents. We may also have more of an idea of how long the school is likely to be closed.

Thank you all for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely

Claire Hann-Perkins
Head teacher

