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Dear Parents/Carers,

In light of the ever changing situation, we have made a few changes to our approach to blended learning. Detailed below is what will be provided in the three possible scenarios.

Scenario One – Children are absent for one or two days due to Covid testing:

On the first day that you notify us of your child's absence, we ask that they complete tasks at home such as TT Rockstars and reading. If they are still not back at school the following day, we will upload work for them to complete on Showbie. These lessons will mainly be taken from The Oak National Academy – an online classroom with video lessons delivered by qualified teachers. These high quality lessons have related activities or sometimes the children are asked to complete work as they are watching. At times we will also use videos and activities from BBC Bitesize.

All of these lessons are linked to our curriculum, so that the children are covering work that would be taught in class that week. Daily learning will consist of an hour of maths, an hour of English and another hour for either science or connected curriculum.

Scenario Two – Children and their families are self-isolating or shielding for ten days:

Work will be provided following the same format as above, on the day following notification of your child's absence. In this scenario, we would like families to upload the work (or a photo of the work) to Showbie by the end of the school day, so that it can be looked at by their class teacher and feedback provided.

In order to keep in touch with the child, class teachers will offer 5 minutes pre-arranged live feedback/contact twice a week – such as a telephone call or a Microsoft Teams call. For safeguarding purposes, we request that a parent or carer is present at this time.

Scenario Three – Class, year group or whole school closure:

We are hopeful that this scenario will not be needed, but if it is, we will offer live teaching via Microsoft teams, pre-recorded video lessons by class teachers and daily work uploaded to Showbie. Work will be marked as if the child were in class as normal.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Headteacher