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Dear Parents/Carers,

Although the school is open, we now eagerly await the return of all pupils from Monday 8th March.

Having kept you up to date with our COVID News Bulletins, and staff being in regular contact with you or your children via Google Classroom, telephone calls or Zoom Live Lessons, there is little to report, however, what there is, I will gladly share.

A Remote Learning survey that was sent home to all parents via Survey Monkey last month, in which we invited you to answer a few short questions in order to provide an overview of how the children and their families were finding remote learning. One hundred and twenty people completed the survey and thank you to those who were able to take the time to do so.

Responses from the survey were very positive and feedback enabled us to conclude that the current remote learning provision is working well for most of the children and their families, as seen below.

| | Yes | No | None |
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| Q1. Are you using digital remote learning (Google Classroom)? | 87% | 13% | |
| Q2. Are you using physical remote learning (paper packs)? | 18% | 82% | |
| Q3. Do you think there is enough work to engage your child? | 91% | 9% | |
| Q4. Is the work easy to find and submit? | 86% | 3% | 11% |
| Q5. Do you and your child feel supported by the school? | 96% | 4% | |
| Q6. Do you feel able to communicate with the school? | 95% | 5% | |
| Q7. Do you feel the school has communicated with you and your child? | 98% | 2% | |

Additional comments such as; *'the teachers and the school have been incredibly supportive', 'plenty of activities - and tutorial videos added extra support', 'regular feedback makes my child feel connected to the school and their teacher' 'there was a lot more to do - but it was well organised and easy to use'* were also shared, which reinforced our wishes to ensure that under these unprecedented circumstances, the best provision was provided.



Should we ever have to return to a system of remote, whole school teaching and learning, we will also reflect on your views regarding more Live Lessons, the organisation of work, for example, subjects posted in days and, for ease of access, the format of uploaded documents to ensure these are easy to download, edit and/or print.

Miss Anthony will commence her maternity leave from the 8th March, and our very own Mrs Thirlwall will be stepping into her shoes to teach the children of Cedar, up until the Easter break. For the summer term, both her and Mrs Moriarty (a regular member of supply staff for the school) will share the teaching. I understand that Mrs Thirlwall is planning to arrange some Zoom meetings before the full return to school, to reacquaint herself with Cedar class - so watch this space. We do of course wish Miss Anthony all the very best and hope she is getting in as much sleep as possible, before that all becomes a distant dream! We will await news of the imminent arrival.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

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