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Dear parents and carers,

Wow, what a way to start the New Year and the new term, certainly not the way we would have expected but definitely the best decision to protect our NHS and the communities in which we live and work.

Thank you to the staff who worked late into the night making sure home learning was ready to begin on Tuesday and those who came in to support the families of key worker and vulnerable children.

We really miss all the children who are staying safe at home and it has been an absolute pleasure to see how well the children have engaged with their home learning. Well done to all the families who have helped the children to access Tapestry and Seesaw and we are thrilled with the feedback we have already received.

Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter you will have received your work packs if requested as you are unable to access online learning. Work books have also been sent home for your children to use as an extra resource, these should have mostly arrived today if not expect them on Monday.

Feedback from parents has been that the children are enjoying home learning and understand the importance of being at home but really miss their friends. For this reason we will be setting up weekly 'teams sessions' for children to see one another and talk about their week with some fun games also. In reality for the first few times this is probably going to be who can pull the silliest face and no doubt a show and tell of pets! Whatever happens we are looking forward to the giggles and can't wait to see their smiling faces.

The timetable is as follows;

Monday PM – Puffins Yr 1

Tuesday PM – Owls Yr 2

Wednesday PM – Kingfishers Yr 1

Thursday PM – Starlings Yr 2

Friday PM – Wrens Reception class

You will also have been informed that children will be continuing with interventions, children will receive an invite to take part in live teaching sessions. You will be informed of these by the end of the day either through a call or email by your child's class teacher.



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During MS teams calls can we ask that:

Children are fully dressed.

They are somewhere quiet and the background on the camera is appropriate.

An adult is present.

If your child is in school all interventions will take place on the days they are with us and the expectation is that they complete home learning on the days that they are at home. All children at home and school will be receiving the same work.

For our key worker parents the guidance clearly states if you are not working you must not send your child to school. School places are only available for your children on the days in which you are at work.

These are extremely worrying and challenging times for us all and we will continue to support you in whatever way we can, drop us a message or give us a call as the office is open between 9 – 3 every week day.

Sending virtual hugs, from the team to all of the children and adults who need them. Have a restful weekend and we can't wait to see you all virtually or in school throughout the week.

Take care

Mrs Manning