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Potential School Closure Actions

Dear Parents,

I wanted to provide you with an update regarding actions we are putting in place as a school to ensure your child's education is impacted as little as possible in the event of potential school closures. We would only close school if directed to do so by the government, Department for Education, Public Health England or the CEO and Directors of the Academy Trust. We receive daily information and advice from these agencies and I hope you have found useful the information we have been passing on to you.

We have been preparing an online learning platform called '**Seesaw**' which we currently use in school. In the event of a school closure, school staff would continue working to upload daily lessons and activities on to this platform for the children. The learning activities will be specific to your child's class and there will be a facility for your child to work online to respond to the activities and record their learning. Your child will need internet access on a tablet, PC, laptop or mobile phone in order to use **Seesaw**. We sent out a communication last week asking any parents without internet access to contact the school office so that we can make alternative provision for your child. **If you do not have internet access, please let the school office know as soon as possible this week.**

We will be showing your child how to access **Seesaw** at home and will provide you with a guide on how to access it also. In addition to this we will be running brief workshops this week to show parents how to access Seesaw, **please attend one of the workshops** so that we can help you and answer any questions you may have.

Seesaw Workshops for Parents:

- Tuesday 5.30pm
- Wednesday 9-9:30
- Wednesday 3-3:30
- Friday 9-9:30

A video will be uploaded on the school website explaining how to access the **Seesaw** home learning accounts if you are unable to attend a workshop but please do try to attend so we can resolve any problems for you straight away. We will also put together a list of apps and websites that your child can access for learning on our school website.

This week we will set up the home learning accounts, teach the children how to use them and you will receive a letter with their login codes. **Please login this week before Friday and let staff know if you are having any issues.**

We realise any potential school closure is not ideal and could potentially make childcare difficult for you, school closure will be taken as a last resort in order to protect your family's health and prevent the spread of any virus. However, in the event of a school closure, we will be working to ensure your child still has access to education, it is not an additional holiday. Please support your child in accessing the learning materials provided and work daily at home as staff will be doing to ensure they don't fall behind in their education. I thank you in advance for your continuing support as we work together to provide the best for all of our children.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Lane

Headteacher