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Dear Parents,

We hope you are all keeping well as we reach the end of our second week of lockdown. This letter is to give you an update on all that has gone on this week.

Google classroom agreement and remote learning policy:

It is great to see us all getting into the swing of things with remote learning. Teachers from Y1 upwards are now doing two Google meets per day and they have also started their weekly welfare calls to see how the children are doing. We have also produced a Google classroom agreement (<http://friarsprimaryschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Friars-Primary-School-Google-Classroom-Agreement-2021.pdf>) which sets out our expectations of its use and a remote education policy (<http://friarsprimaryschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Remote-education-policy-2021.pdf>) which sets out our approach to providing education during the lockdown. They are both available on the policies page of our website and can also be accessed by clicking on the links. Teachers will be checking that you have seen the agreement in google meets and welfare calls next week.

Nursery provision:

As of Monday 18th January our Nursery class will be open following a change of policy from the DfE. All Nursery parents have been contacted about this.

Access to technology:

By combining the technology access survey we sent out in the Autumn term with any information we have collected through phone calls, analysing engagement with Google classroom etc in the last two weeks we have been able to establish the situation with most if not all children in the school regarding access to technology. As a result, we have been able to give out ipads from our existing stock in school and laptops (ordered from the DfE and received this week) to all those children that need it. Please continue to talk to us if there are further issues with access to technology.

Key worker numbers:

You will no doubt be aware that demand for key worker provision in school is much higher nationally than in the first lockdown. We surveyed parents on December 30th about provision and we allocated places based on the demand and verification of employment (where necessary). Should any further parents need school places for their children we will need full employment details including working patterns and details of whether there are any other adults available to look after your children. We ask that they only take the

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provision as a last resort as you will be fully aware that despite increased vaccinations nationally, we are still very much in the clutches of the latest wave of coronavirus.

FSM provision:

Today is the last week that we will be providing food hampers that have been produced by our catering company and which have followed DfE guidelines on content. From next week, the national voucher scheme through Edenred will begin again. Therefore, eligible parents will have two weekly vouchers sent to them and where there is more than one FSM eligible child registered to Friars in the household we will combine orders. If there are any technical issues with Edenred we will let you know.

White Rose Maths books and English exercise books:

Thank you to all those parents from Y1 to Y6 who have collected the books. This enables children to have somewhere to write when given writing tasks and also hopefully makes it easier for them to complete their maths work. Please remember that once you have done the work on paper, you can take a photo and upload it onto Google classroom. Please also remember to follow the teachers instructions about which pages to do on which day in the maths books.

Have a peaceful weekend everyone and stay well.

Yours sincerely,

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