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Dear Parents and Carers,

Updates

I hope this letter finds you happy and well this frosty Monday. I have some updates for you to keep you in the loop:

- **Staff Self-testing for COVID-19** – you may have seen in the news that schools are being issued with self-testing kits for staff. We have ours now and the staff are going to start testing themselves twice a week. This is really good progress and demonstrates that the situation is improving little by little. If a member of staff does have the virus, this will now be picked up quicker by the testing routine and will allow us to react more swiftly. The Bubble that the member of staff was working in will need to close and the children will need to self-isolate in an attempt to minimise the spreading of the virus. Should this happen, you will receive all of the information you need.
- **'Live' lessons** – nearly all 750 of our children are now accessing the live learning! This is a phenomenal achievement and we are delighted with this outcome – thank you for all of your support with this.
- **Critical Worker/Vulnerable Places in school** - We have approximately 250 children accessing the school, which is quite a large number but we have implemented new measures to allow staff to maintain 2 meters distance etc. If you do have a place please do continue to only use it if absolutely necessary to help us to stay safe and open.
- **Wooler Street** – at drop off and pick up, please do not drive down Wooler Street. It is so dangerous for the children that are crossing the road at these busy times. We have had two 'near misses' last week alone. Some cars are now driving down and then reversing all the way back up because there isn't room to turn around. It's really quite shocking and terrifying for the staff to watch.
- **Learning Packs** - Gladstone Road sorting office is again getting ready for packs to be delivered to your homes from Thursday onwards.
- **Home Contact** - For those of you not accessing the 'live' learning sessions, you will be hearing from your teachers once a week by phone. They miss you so much and want to know how your learning is going and would like a quick chat with your child. If you are accessing 'live' lessons then next week/the week after your class teacher will ask you to stay on at the end of the Teams lesson for a quick chat!

Keep doing what you are doing at home. If there is anything at all that we can help with, do get in touch. Gavin Williamson told us that school will have two week's notice before we are to re-open. As soon as any information is released from the Government, we will be in touch.

Keep going, you are doing a sterling job 👍

Best wishes

Mr Garry Johnson
Head teacher

