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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have managed to survive another week in national lockdown and just to add to our already disrupted lives, we had to throw in a good measure of snow to further complicate matters. I thank you for your support and understanding in collecting children early on Thursday and for finding alternative arrangements today.

Remote Learning

I hope that your children have enjoyed the live lessons and assemblies this week and I know that teachers are continually working to make improvements as they go along. We met (via Teams) this week and there were a couple of things that staff have asked me to pass along that will further support this process.

- Teachers have asked that if children are not able to log on at the beginning of a live lesson then they should wait and do this lesson at a later time. Children have to be admitted after the start, which interrupts the lesson with a loud ping and also requires the teacher to stop and let them in. Ideally it is best if the children attend at the correct time as this allows more interaction with the teacher and to ask questions, although I do understand that this is not always possible.
- If completing work electronically on a word document then children should download this first-otherwise this overwrites the document on line and everyone can see that child's work.
- Staff also mentioned that some children working in school are not coming with the things that they need to access the learning and ask for your support in ensuring that this happens.

I hope that all children at home are managing to access these lessons and would remind you that for technical support we have a designated email to support you techsupport@accordmat.org There is also a great deal of information on our website. I thank you for all your lovely emails and positive comments about the remote learning as these do really make a difference to the staff.

A box of books!

Just a reminder that at the bottom of the drive just inside the front gates we are going to leave a box of blank exercise books during school opening times, which you are welcome to collect for your child to work in at home should you require this. Please also let your class teacher know if you require other resources and we will do our best to accommodate this.

Fruit

We have been advised by our supplier that they are not able to provide the fruit that we have in school at this time. If you would like to send your child in with a piece of fruit then we are happy for this to happen, it is best if this is in a named plastic box or sandwich bag. This applies to children across all our year group bubbles.

That just leaves me to say a final thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend and stay safe!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'JK Tomlinson', written in black ink.

Miss JK Tomlinson
Executive Principal