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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move in to a third week of national lockdown, I hope that your children are still managing to maintain their motivation for learning remotely. Staff are working hard to try to ensure that this happens and are continually looking for new and different ways to support this.

### Assemblies

I would like to apologise that the assemblies did not go ahead this week on Microsoft live events. There has been a problem with the 'live events' nationally, but I am hoping that this will be sorted by next week and then they can continue in this format. The achievement assembly this week will be sent out on social media. Next week I will be sharing a daily planner for children and I hope that this will support the children in their learning and support you in helping them in maintaining their motivation and routines.

### Remote Learning

We continue to receive lots of positive comments from parents regarding our remote learning offer and we remain very grateful for these as they do serve to keep our spirits high! We have devised a short questionnaire for parents and children about our remote provision and we will be sending this out some time next week. It is always good to get your views of what it looks like 'from the other side'. I know that home learning is not easy, particularly when you are trying to juggle this with your own work and running your household, but trust me you are doing a great job!

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](mailto:techsupport@accordmat.org) There is also a great deal of information on our website.

### 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.

### Lateral Flow testing

Just to let you know that, in line with government guidance, we are to begin twice weekly lateral flow testing for all of our on-site staff from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. This will support the national track and trace system, allow the government to slow the

spread of the virus and break the chains of transmission by identifying people who have coronavirus and yet are asymptomatic.

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 grey ink, appearing to read 'JK Tomlinson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss JK Tomlinson  
Executive Principal