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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope that this finds you and your families healthy and well having had a good dose of beautiful sunshine over the Easter holidays. As you are aware we are still under the Government's guidelines around lockdown and remain closed to pupils.

We have not been given any information about when schools will re-open and so, along with you, we are waiting and looking forward to when we can happily welcome pupils back into school.

In the meantime I would like to remind you that all pupils have been given passwords and codes to access our online learning platform, Purple Mash. This is a secure system that is used by your child's class teacher to set targeted work for your child that they can then mark and give feedback on to ensure progress. In this way we are very much hoping that pupils continue to learn and have opportunities for teachers to correspond directly with your child to support their learning.

In addition to Purple Mash there is also the Times Tables Rock Star site where children can improve their understanding of times tables, FlipGrid on which you can have a story read to you by their class teachers and other staff: our website has all the information you need to both find and access learning as well as a range of other activities and links to recommended websites.

We will also use the website (as well as email and Groupcall) to update you with any urgent information or changes. There is a designated page on the home screen called COVID-19 information, this is where all of the latest letters etc will be stored. It is so important that we have the correct email addresses and mobile phone numbers for you so please do let us know if you haven't received information via Groupcall or if you know of another family/parent who has not received emails etc.

If you are entitled to receive Free School Meals (FSM) you will have been contacted by the office with regard to vouchers in operation via the Government system. Please be aware that we have had technical issues with their website and that if you haven't yet received your vouchers then please bear with us as we try to resolve these issues. If you have not heard anything via Groupcall or email with regard to FSM voucher entitlement then please contact the school office and leave a message.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of you who are encouraging your children to access Purple Mash - there is some great learning going on in these difficult times and keeping in contact is great for both pupils and their teachers who are all missing their classes very much!

Please do stay safe, take care and keep checking the website for updates and information.

See you all soon

Kind regards

Mrs L Latham
Principal

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