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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well. I am writing to update you about a number of different items.

Subject Consultation Evening

We were due to be running our subject consultation evenings next week. We have decided to postpone these until the school is open to all pupils again.

Google Classrooms

A separate email will follow shortly identifying the google classroom codes for your child's individual subjects.

Edward Peake Remote Learning Strategy

Work provided on Google Classroom will be varied and make use of different resources and strategies. There will be a range of independent tasks for pupils to complete as well as pre-recorded guided teacher input to support pupils learning. Some departments will be utilising materials from Oak Academy which all have a recorded lesson and tasks. Pupils will be able to pause the video to complete the tasks before moving on.

We have chosen not to use 'live' lessons for several reasons:

- We do not wish to unfairly disadvantage pupils in households where there is limited access to technology or insufficient WiFi access for multiple live streaming at once. Many of our families have multiple children at the school or siblings at other schools and if multiple lessons are scheduled for the same time or it suits a pupil to work at a time outside of school hours, they would miss out on the live lesson.
- Unlike many secondary and upper schools, we have a large number of pupils still receiving face to face education in school. This means that all of our teaching staff are supervising groups in school as well as preparing resources for pupils learning at home.
- Research carried out by the Education Endowment Fund at the end of the last lockdown shows that there is no benefit to using live (synchronistic) lessons over pre-recorded lessons or resources with specific instructions (non-synchronistic)

We do however, recognise that not being in school with other pupils does mean that pupils are unable to engage with other pupils in their class and will miss seeing and talking to their teachers. To help with this we will be arranging for all teachers to meet regularly with each of the classes they teach. This will give opportunity for the teacher to support pupils with their learning, to discuss progress and for pupils to see others in their class.



Once again, we are having to communicate a great deal of information within a few days. I thank you for your forbearance and patience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z J Linington', written in a cursive style.

Miss Z J Linington
Headteacher