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Dear Parents,

We do hope and pray that you have all managed to have a restful Easter break and are keeping safe. It has certainly been a different Easter for us all!

While the national lockdown continues, our school remains closed to pupils other than those of key workers who have no one to care for them at home. Home continues to be the safest place for everyone where that is possible.

Hopefully, you will have been accessing the online learning on the class pages of our website before Easter. This resumes next Monday as we return from the Easter break. Staff have started to phone families in order to offer support and update you on your child's progress before the lockdown started, and this will continue from next week. The school office is closed but school emails are being picked up remotely from home and, should any of you want to talk to us, please email us at the email address above and we will phone you back as soon as possible.

We are making a few changes to our online learning that will hopefully help simplify things for everyone, by introducing two online programmes: ClassDojo and My Maths. ClassDojo is a communication tool, whereby staff and parents can post messages. Work will still be posted on the website under class pages, but teachers can send messages, tips for learning etc and parents can message teachers directly and post photos of their child's learning. This is a tool we are using for lockdown and we have not made a decision yet about whether we will use it after schools return, but for now we believe it will help you interact with teachers in a far better way than you can presently. To join up and start to use ClassDojo, download the free mobile app or access it on your computer at www.classdojo.com. Over this weekend, you will be sent your password to access ClassDojo by text. Please note that there are settings on ClassDojo which mean that staff will only be able to receive messages and reply to you between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday to Friday.

In addition, we are introducing My Maths as an online tool for teaching maths to Y1 – Y6 pupils. As a school, we are working hard to support our children and parents as much as possible and we hope this online programme will help your child access maths learning without the need for you to print off resources. On Monday, we will be providing parents with login details for MyMaths to support children in keeping their maths skills fluent. You will receive your My Maths password through ClassDojo. The service allows teachers to set work and children to complete activities which are marked online so teachers can give feedback about the work if needed. Please visit <https://wsap.academy/my-maths-coming-soon/> for more information and to watch a video which should provide help for logging in and accessing work.

Thank you all for your support and we continue to pray for your safety in these challenging times,

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