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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I am writing to give you a broad and general update on school. I would also like to summarise some key aspects of how we are working during this lockdown.

Firstly, of course, school is open to the children of key workers and children deemed vulnerable and we have more children in school than we expected. In fact, this week **126 children have attended** which is **47%** of our school population. That has meant that teaching staff are in school at least 80% of the time, meaning that class teachers in particular are running remote learning and physical teaching at the same time and are stretched. As I hope you realise, our teachers are fantastic and want the best for every child - please be patient if you have a query, please be understanding of the demands they are under and also please do communicate with us as much as you need to. We really want every child to keep on progressing well in their learning during this lockdown.

#### **Free school meals:**

I would like to recap our approach. Last week we were informed that we should provide food parcels whilst we wait for a national voucher scheme to be set up by the government. We researched parcel schemes and opted for Morrison's and our first order has taken a while to be processed unfortunately but the good news is that the **parcels should be delivered today**.

We will switch to vouchers to give parents and carers more choice from Monday 18th January, however, we cannot register onto the scheme until next week. I imagine that it will take a while for the vouchers to be processed by Edenred but of course the 4 week vouchers will be backdated to 18.1.21. The vouchers will only be for families who qualify for free school meals by benefit.

#### **Remote learning:**

I have attached a document that describes all aspects of our approach. Key things to be aware of are the daily zoom meetings, class dojo for submitting work and communication with teachers, weekly emails for English and Maths work, White Rose Maths books, photocopied packs and additional emails for some of the topic work. Please note that you can still request a laptop if you require one. Please make sure that we have an **up-to-date email** for you and do phone us if you are not receiving regular emails.

Class Dojo, in particular, seems to have had a positive impact but do please keep in touch so that we have a good understanding of what is working well and how we can support you with remote learning.



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I have seen and heard the phrase 'we are all in this together' a lot during this pandemic and that has certainly been the how it feels at St Keyna. Please do keep on communicating with us and let's hope that Covid-19 rates reduce quickly and we can get back to normal soon.

Stay Safe and best wishes

Steve Gumm