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Dear parents and carers,

We have been working hard to produce an easily accessible way for you to help your child with their learning, if you have to self-isolate as a family; or indeed if your child's class has to isolate because there has been a positive case in their class.

From this week, you will have access to the Seesaw app. We are finalising passwords and over the next few days you will receive a unique password to give you access to your child's learning journal.

If the whole class bubble is isolating, this is where your child's class teacher will post the lessons they would like you to complete. If appropriate, there will be an exercise book in their book bag entitled 'Remote Home Learning' and this is where children can complete written tasks if they cannot be completed directly onto Seesaw. The completed work or a photograph of it can then be uploaded to Seesaw for your child's teacher to check.

In the event that your child is self-isolating but the rest of the class is in school, the lessons and activities will be posted on the class pages section of the website along with the weekly overview of learning. These activities are designed to ensure your child does not fall behind while they are off. Activities can be completed on the sheets provided or in the remote learning exercise book. Please then take photographs of any written work and upload it to the seesaw app for your child's class teacher to check.

Once you have your password, we would encourage you to access the app, have a look at it and help your child have a go at completing an assigned task, uploading it to their journal for the teacher to look at. The staff will have the option to directly comment about a completed task, or 'like' it so that you know the teacher has seen it. We are asking the staff to directly comment on one piece of work a day as a minimum, if your child is self-isolating, as we are sure you can appreciate that while staff are teaching the rest of the class in school, they will be very busy.

To enable us all to get used to this new way of working, we will be posting homework on this app every week now, instead of the traditional homework folders that the children have been bringing home. Please complete the homework and re-post for the teachers to mark.

In addition, we have purchased some workbooks for the infant children to complete **as well as** homework. These must be kept in the book bags so that staff can monitor the work being completed weekly. The work being set is designed to ensure the children are consolidating elements of learning they might have missed while we were in National Lockdown before the summer. It will be carefully set to complement what the

children have been doing in class, so please only complete the pages assigned to your child and do not work ahead. There is a label in the front of the book for you to sign when your child has completed the assigned work.

We do appreciate that there is a lot of information to take in, so please do not hesitate to ask if you are unsure what to do, but we are hoping by using the new app this will make things a lot simpler for us all and will be a lovely record of your child's learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L M Mansell and Mrs E J Cripps Co-headteachers