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Dear Parents & Carers

I am pleased to inform you that we know of no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our school community, and all test results for anybody – child or adult – self-isolating have come back negative.

I write now with information about how we will continue the education of any children who have to self-isolate, either because they show symptoms, or after a positive test result. From Monday 5th October, the following arrangements will be in place.

If your child has to stay at home because they or someone else in the household either shows symptoms or tests positive:

- Remote learning activities will be e-mailed to parents/carers each day from the day after we first know about their absence;
- These activities will reflect, as closely as possible, the learning which they would be doing if they were at school;
- This will include learning in a variety of different subject areas, including English, maths and other curriculum areas;
- Parents/carers will be responsible for ensuring that self-isolating children engage with the learning provided;
- There should be no need to print any of the work. Children will be able to complete it in their home learning journal, and then photograph and e-mail to the class e-mail address;
- Instructions, including the appropriate e-mail address, will be in the work sent home.

All staff at New Valley already have a full daily teaching commitment, so will not be able to comment on every piece of work sent in, but will acknowledge children's work each day, and will offer some feedback and guidance where possible.

Please note the following points:

- Children will not be expected to complete work if they are too ill themselves.
- If your child's teacher becomes unwell, we will update you with information about changes to these arrangements.
- During school closure from March to July, home learning was posted on the school website; from now on, it will be e-mailed directly to those who are self-isolating.
- Remote learning is specifically for children self-isolating at home because of suspected or confirmed COVID-19, and will not be provided for children absent from school for other reasons.

It is expected that all children are now back in school, as it is vital that they have the best possible chance of catching up with the learning which they have missed in recent months; similarly, it is expected that if children have to be off school for COVID-related reasons, parents and carers have the responsibility of supporting them to engage with remote learning.

Of course, we hope that most children will not have to self-isolate at all; however, if it is necessary to be away from school, we will do our very best to provide high quality and relevant remote learning.

Yours

Pete Steward

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