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Dear Parents / Carers,

We wanted to write to you to inform you of a change to our 'Core Offer' and an exciting development in our Home Learning.

Pre-Recorded Lessons

From next week (beginning 1st February), the teachers of classes in Year 1 – 6 will upload videos of lessons that they have pre-recorded. These videos will feature the teacher's voice alongside them demonstrating the new learning that they are introducing on their classroom Smart TV. They will model how to solve calculations or use a particular piece of grammar; it may include explaining new vocabulary and how to complete different tasks being set. These videos will link directly to the work in the work packs that you collect each week. There will initially be 5 videos uploaded each week: two for Maths, two for English and one for the lessons based around the foundation subjects. These can all be accessed via your child's e-Schools class page under the 'Projects' heading. The great thing about these videos is not only do they allow the teacher to introduce new learning in a visual way, but it also means that the children can pause or re-watch the videos several times if they need to.

Weekly Live Catch Up

Every Monday, starting 1st February, each class (Nursery – Year 6) will have the opportunity to take part in a live catch up with their class teacher and their classmates. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the teacher to talk to the whole class, discuss the new learning for the week, see how the children have been getting on and perhaps read a story or do an activity together. The teacher will initially be on audio, but you can choose whether your child will be audio only or have their camera on. The link to access this meeting, along with what time it will start, is at the top of your child's eSchools page.

In order to access this live catch up, you will need to download the Microsoft Teams App onto whichever device that you use. It is free to download and you will not need to create an account or have a login. If you have any issues with this, please message your class teacher through E-Schools or contact the school office.

Moving Forward

We would really like for the children to see their class teacher on these live weekly catch up sessions and that is something that we hope to do in the future. However, in order for that to happen, we do need you, as parents / carers, to complete a very brief online form which covers Data Protection and safe working online. As soon as these on-line forms have been completed (one per child), children will be able to see, as well as hear, their teacher during their catch-up sessions. These forms can be accessed on the school's website: COVID-19 INFORMATION page or the QR code below.

Your child's class teacher will give you a call this week to run through everything in this letter and answer any questions that you may have. We look forward to seeing all children 'live' on Monday!

Yours faithfully,



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HEADTEACHER

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DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

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ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

