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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will now be fully aware of the National Lockdown and the implications for schools following the announcement and my communications last night. This is not anything we have planned for or wanted and I know how stressful this will be for you, but we are here for you, as we were during the last lockdown.

I would firstly like to say a big thank you to the staff for their commitment and teamwork in supporting me in getting the initial information out to you and helping to organise the school so that we could be open for Key Worker and vulnerable children today. We are currently working through reorganising the day, classes and remote learning and I appreciate your support in allowing us today to sort this.

Education

As you will know, the lockdown is planned for up until February half term and we will be supporting you virtually throughout this period of time. The education of your children is paramount and this is why the Government only close schools as a last resort. Therefore, it is essential that your child continues their education at home and participates fully in the online education that we will provide, responding and uploading their work daily, as requested. If your child does not participate, the class teacher will be making contact with you to ascertain why and what we can do to support.

Remote Online Learning

We are aware that some families have limited ICT equipment and therefore, we are currently organising a timetable to provide at least one online virtual lesson per day, per class, which will not be at the same time as another class. Online learning will start from tomorrow with live lessons starting on Thursday. Each teacher will inform you of when these lessons will be. Every morning teachers will explain the day's tasks.

Teachers will be uploading work via the Microsoft Teams and login details will be sent to you by the end of today. Purple class and Blue class are already set up on this and we had excellent feedback from the parents of children in these classes. If you require any support in setting this up, please call the school office.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, we are expecting you to receive food vouchers as per the previous lockdown. We are yet to hear how this will be delivered, but we will let you know in due course. If your child received the Government Scheme of Universal Infant Free School Meals as they are in Reception, Year One or Year Two, unfortunately, like before, they are not included in the meal voucher scheme.

Moving Forward

As you will be aware, there is a lot of planning and things to consider over the coming weeks and things can change quickly. We will wait for further guidance from the Department of Education and the Local Authority and will keep you updated with information as it comes through.

Wellbeing and Support



During this time you and your families' wellbeing remains just as important now as it was during the last lockdown. There is a lot of support available online, but we are here to support and help you all just as we would if schools were fully open. Please contact us if you ever feel you need further support.

Communication

Please can I remind you of ways to communicate with school:

1. Pupil learning/concerns - via the class emails
2. Operational issues – via the office@/admin@ email/remote@
3. Confidential/safeguarding – via head@

As a team at Beaupre we are continuing to work hard for your children and I would like again to let you know that, as a community, we can all work together to support and help one another.

If you have any concerns or questions, please get in touch.

Please continue to look after yourselves and your families, we are already missing you all.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs Munday".

Mrs Munday
Headteacher