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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION Re. NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the announcement from the Prime Minister last night, I am writing to confirm that sadly our school will be moving to remote learning for the next half-term to all children except for vulnerable children and the children of key workers, who will attend face-to-face learning. We will communicate with these children's parents separately giving full details. If you have not been contacted by the end of today, but feel that you qualify as a critical worker and would like to take a place in school's provision, please telephone the school office as soon as possible.

As this has been a very last minute announcement, we appreciate how difficult it must have been for you and the children and we can only apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience whilst we have finalised our contingency plans. Having children in primary school myself, I can appreciate what a massive upheaval this is, given that the children have already missed so much school and realise that this is far from ideal from an education perspective. However, as in previous lockdowns, our collective health is now of paramount importance and we must all work together to ensure that our hospitals and NHS services do not suffer further than they already have.

Where remote or home learning is concerned, teachers will be providing daily learning through our Class Dojo platform. This will start from Wednesday 6th January. Most year groups will also be hosting zoom calls each day to give the children chance to discuss their learning with a class teacher from their year group. Anybody who is not engaging with their home learning will be followed up and offered extra assistance. The government has provided us as a school with 59 laptops to support families without devices. This was fine when only once class or year group were unable to attend. 475 children attend the school. Therefore, we will be prioritising older children to use these laptops initially, who will be expected to do more word processing and who will have more IT skills than the younger children. We will provide paper packs where needed for others. I will also be investigating procuring more devices where I can in order to support more children electronically. Further details around remote learning will be communicated later today.

Thank you for your understanding, support and patience. Stradbroke is a brilliant, resilient community and, together, we will rise to the continued challenges the pandemic puts in our way. If you have any problems at all during this period away from school, please telephone the school office, staff will be in school every day and will more than willing to assist in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Sitch
Headteacher

