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Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you and your families well during these worrying times. First of all, a thank you for your support, we appreciate that looking after your child/ren whilst also trying to work from home is difficult. If I had enough staff and were allowed to do so, I would send a teacher to each of your houses, certainly the teachers would much rather teach the children in person. Many of them are working until very late at night to ensure that they deliver well planned lessons and give each child comprehensive feedback. As I said to the staff the other day, this situation is not fun for anyone!

However, I sincerely thank those of you that have sent in messages of appreciation to various teachers, these are always passed on and very much welcomed by all.

The teachers have also expressed how much they enjoy speaking to the children directly and I know some of you have also mentioned this. In order for the children to also meet socially (albeit remotely) we will be starting twice weekly Zoom assemblies at 9.00am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These will be with your child's year group teachers. This assembly is for pastoral support of the children and their well-being – the opportunity to see their teachers and each other. Also, a chance to chat about some of their learning, share news – whatever works best for their needs.

The form teacher will also still continue to phone your child to ensure they get an opportunity to express any concerns or worries they may have in private.

You will receive a Zoom invitation via ParentMail and will need to click onto the link at the appointed time. Obviously, this assembly is for your child and once they are logged in please leave them to chat with their friends and teachers.

Also, just a couple of reminders from the Pupil/Parent ICT agreements:

- When taking part in Zoom assemblies remember that the computer should be in an appropriate place with no bedrooms/inappropriate objects/personal information visible in the background.
- Pupils/parents must not save or forward recordings, take screenshots/screengrabs or photographs, or store footage/audio of teachers/pupils.
- Parents are reminded that pupils/parents should not be recording, saving or forwarding any online lesson content eg teacher audio/video presentations.
- Children will be expected to follow the school rules for conduct during Zoom assemblies as if they were in school.

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- Children should wear either school uniform or other appropriate clothes - no pyjamas or similar wear.

The Zoom invite ParentMail should arrive in the next couple of days.

Stay safe and well,

Mrs J M Batt

Head Teacher