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Dear Parents/Carers,

The purpose of this letter is to outline to you the approach that we will take to remote learning, should it become necessary. We will endeavour to keep the school open for all pupils. However, in the current circumstances there are a range of scenarios that may require some students or staff to stay at home. There are also circumstances where the school may be directed to close for a proportion or even all of the students for a fixed period of time.

The key principles that underpin this remote learning plan are set out in the Government Guidance on the Reopening of Schools (August 2020). This guidance states that, "remote education, where needed, is high quality, safe and aligns as closely as possible with in-school provision: schools and other settings should continue to build their capability to educate students remotely, where this is needed."

- In developing this contingency plan, we are expected to:
- Use a curriculum sequence that allows access to high-quality online/offline resources and teaching videos that are linked to our curriculum expectations.
- Give access to high quality remote education resources.
- Select the online tools that will be consistently used across the school in order to allow interaction, assessment and feedback.
- Recognise that younger students and some students with SEND may not be able to access remote education without adult support, and so we will work with families to deliver a broad and ambitious curriculum.
- Assess appropriately, providing suitable guidance and feedback based on the work that is undertaken.



There is a possibility in the future that all schools (or those in our area if we become an area of concern) will enter the government's 'Contain' strategy (see annex 3 of the following document for the full detail:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/containing-and-managing-local-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreaks/covid-19-contain-framework-a-guide-for-local-decision-makers>.)

Tiers 1, 2 and 3 of this strategy would not change our current arrangements, but if the government put us into Tier 4 primary schools would be required to close and only allow full-time attendance on site to our priority groups: vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. All other pupils would not attend on site. If this were to happen, or if a whole year group were required to self-isolate:

- Teachers would ensure that learning is explained and set via the Showbie app.
- Staff would place resources and tasks on Showbie by 9:00 for the learning that needs to take place that day.
- Students would be expected to log in, if they are able, every day and complete set tasks. Children who are unable to access Showbie will be supported by the school with differentiated work packs.

Whilst we hope that these arrangements will not be required, I would reassure both parents and pupils that we remain committed to all our pupils regardless of their circumstances. Whilst there is no doubt that being physically present in school is by far the best option for all pupils, if circumstances arise that prevent this we will do our utmost to ensure a positive learning experience continues for all.

**Principal Eastcote Primary**