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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for your patience and compliance over the last two weeks as we welcomed all the children back to school. Routines are beginning to work well at the beginning and end of each day but we will continue to review these as the weeks go by. The teachers will do a **Zoom 'Meet the teacher' session on Monday 28th September at 3:30pm** – you will be sent the relevant details to join these meetings. If you have more than one child, the meetings will be recorded so that you can listen to them at a later time – please let your child's teacher know if you need the recorded link sent to you.

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, times are very uncertain and in future, it may mean that children/families may have to self-isolate or if positive cases occur, classes may have to isolate. These situations will have repercussions for siblings and families and could get very complex for us all affecting our home life, work life and school life.

The best thing we feel we can do at this moment and time is to plan for situations should children or classes have to self-isolate or if we have partial/ full lockdown in the future. It is a first time situation for everyone but with a plan in place, it will help all of us (should the plan be needed).

Teachers are planning to do remote learning should individuals, classes or the school be required to work at home again. They hope to:

1. Use 'Zoom' for class and group gatherings
2. Use 'IXL', 'Reading eggs' 'Espresso' and 'Timestable rockstars' for follow up activities.
3. Use Google classroom for checking in and completing other activities.
4. Prepare emergency packs on the websites (sheets) so we are not over reliant on online activities.

IXL is a new platform that Plymouth CAST have bought for all our schools to use in this situation. The teachers are helping their classes get used to using it already and will use it for homework activities also. Each child will be given a login and be able to work at their own level of learning whilst working to achieve their age related goals. For more details click on the link below:

https://uk.ixl.com/?partner=google&campaign=81146728&adGroup=2836335328&gclid=EAlaIQobChMly9nun-Xq6wIVyIBQBh3SNw7IEAAYASAAEglx6_D_BwE

In order to be prepared at home, you will need to set up the following on your computers or laptops:

- Download the 'Zoom meetings' app. On your computer/ laptop. <https://zoom.us/download>
- Set up a google account so that you have a gmail address in order to access Google classroom resources. <https://support.google.com/mail/answer/56256?hl=en-GB>

- Ensure your child has their login details for the 'IXL' platform, 'reading eggs' and 'times table rockstars' – these will be given to your child by their teacher.

Please inform the school if you do not have access to a laptop in your household so that we can prepare for the amount school laptop loans needed.

We all hope that this situation will not happen but at least if it does, we can be prepared.

Best wishes,
Mrs Christopher