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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding and your support while we have been putting in place our short-term arrangements.

As you will be aware we had some technical teething issues with the introduction of live learning yesterday and this coupled with the abuse of the system by a small number of pupils meant we had to suspend live learning. It will be reinstated from tomorrow, in the meantime learning resources are available on our website.

We are working closely with our liaison team at the Department for Education (DfE), their technical advisors and a temporary accommodation contractor, who have been out doing site visits this week as we explore the option of obtaining temporary classrooms for the school site. This would allow us to return to face-to-face learning. However, these plans are only in the early stages of investigation and as you will appreciate the logistics involved are complex and the current demand for these services is high.

We will be continuing with our previously advised arrangements of rota and face-to-face learning until half-term, but we are also finalising arrangements which would allow us to bring back in to school pupils for a minimum of three days per week in the coming weeks.

We appreciate that these arrangements are not ideal and share your frustrations, but we are striving to get children back to face-to-face learning as soon as possible.

The DfE will be supporting us throughout and will also be assisting with longer-term remediation measures so that we can bring all pupils back into school once we are fully confident it is safe to do so.

Thanks again for your patience with this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely

Frances Cessford Headteacher









