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Dear Parents and carers,

As I am sure you are aware from all of the letters and updates that the school has been sending out we now have two key worker groups, Years 1 and 6 attending school. Next week we will welcome back children from reception class as well. We are also preparing to open a third Keyworker group.

All of this means that the adults in the school are working so that they are teaching children in classes and managing the Covid-19 safety measures that keep all of the children and adults as safe as possible.

In line with many schools, we have reviewed and are modifying the way we set and manage online learning, as the workload for teachers is currently not manageable or sustainable. The school will continue to set online work as I indicated last week. Sometimes the work will be self marked and sometimes we may ask parents to help mark the work (the answers will be sent through for the children/ adults!). We will also look to set interactive work that will not always require marking.

Mrs Gjana and Miss Farrow will be on hand to help children if they have questions, or are stuck. Mrs Gjana and Miss Farrow will aim to respond during normal school hours. Questions or responses that are received outside normal school hours may not receive a response. The school aims to ensure that we will have adults available to support children working online from 9.30-11.30am and 1.30-3.30pm.

The school will continue to review online working to ensure that we are doing all that we can to support the children's learning. I will of course keep you updated if there are any changes.

Thank you again for your ongoing support - we do appreciate all of the positive feedback that we are getting.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Oulton  
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