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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week it's been! When we returned to school on Monday 4th for our inset day, little did we think that we would be in lockdown again now. We had to move rapidly from planning for mass testing, to consideration of how best to meet the needs of all our children and families as lockdown was imposed, with virtually no notice.

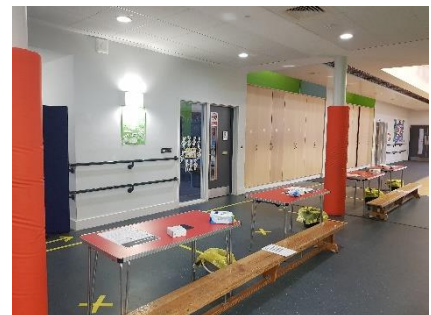
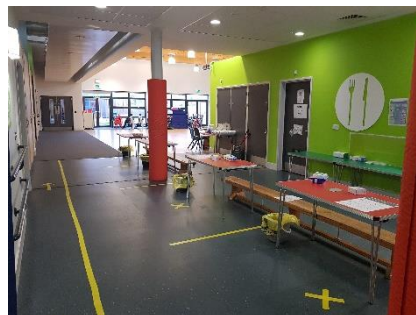
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping us put bespoke learning plans in place for every child. Each family has different needs, fears and wishes, but we have all worked together in the best interest of the whole school community. We hope that we have been able to satisfy your requirements in terms of offering your child a place in school or off site visits, in addition to our remote offer of learning packs, resources and online sessions with your class teacher and TAs via Zoom or Teams.

If you are having trouble with online access and require any help in this area, please let your teachers know.

For those families who would normally receive Free School Meals, we are working with the Local Authority to progress this and expect that supermarket vouchers will again be offered.

Our lockdown plan has already started for some, but will be fully operational from Monday. If at any point you feel that your needs have changed, please let your class teacher know so that we can respond appropriately. We want every family to feel fully supported and will do everything we can to achieve this goal.

The Covid-19 Testing Team has worked incredibly hard to get our Lateral Flow Testing Site up and running to begin on Monday!



Yours sincerely

S A Pickering
Headteacher