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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure many of you will have seen the Prime Minister's speech on Saturday evening informing us that a national lockdown will commence on Thursday 5th November 2020. Largely for schools nothing will change in the way we have been running and we will still continue to follow the government guidance to ensure we are keeping the children and staff as safe as possible.

We can't however, ignore that cases are on the rise across our region, especially with the recent Cranswick outbreak. It is therefore important we share our plans for online learning just in case families are self-isolating or we have to close bubbles due to COVID. Whereas before we were posting learning on Facebook for children, we will now move to Google Classroom. Google Classroom is a web-based learning environment, it offers a digital safe space for students to view class announcements, access posted course content, view posted assignments, and turn in completed work. Google classroom can be used on any Android, iPhone, Tablet, Laptop or Desktop. Follow this link for an explanation of what google classroom is: <https://youtu.be/3jAYn3ZrihM>

Each child in the school has been given an email address and password, the class teacher will share this with you over email or it will be given to the older children directly. You will need to log in to this email to find an invitation from your child's class teacher to log on to their class page. The class teachers will also share the class code with you to ensure you are connecting to the right one. Over the course of this week and next week the teachers will be sharing what google classroom looks like with the older children.

We would suggest that after accessing your child's classroom, you and your child familiarise yourself with the platform together. There are many online short clips to support you with whatever aspect of Google classroom you are struggling with but the main one you will need to focus on is submitting work, a tutorial for this can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/o4JeCTfhvnl>

In the case of bubble closure or self-isolation, this is where teachers will set work and send a daily message within the class stream. There will be a range of 'assignments' posted and some of the tasks can be uploaded/completed online for the teacher to view. Tasks (assignments) for the children to complete will be posted on a daily/weekly basis.

If you miss any, do not worry as they remain in the classroom. Please note this online learning package is for those children who are being forced to self-isolating due to COVID but not for those families who choose to take their children out of school in term time.

As with all new things we anticipate there will be glitches as this new way of working takes time to establish. It is a new way of working for us all and we ask that you are patient as we learn to become a hybrid of a face to face and online institution.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Godbold', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Godbold
Executive Head.