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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

Earlier this week, I shared with you the sad news about a member of our community, Audra Bradley, treasured Mum of Ben. The family have stayed in close contact with school and have informed us that Ben is doing well. I have been made aware that some of our parent/carers have reached out for further support following this sad news. Please find below, a link to a website you may find useful <https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/dealing-bereavement>. Don't forget that we are here to support you and please do not hesitate to contact Lyndsey Daly, Parent Liaison, if you would like to organise a virtual brew and chat.

Following the tragic circumstances of the situation we have felt the need to review the regularity of making contact with our families during the National Lockdown. We know that if Ben was not due in school that day, he would have spent a longer period of time alone with his poorly Mum.

Initiation of Home-School Daily Contact

We feel that daily contact with our families will provide maximum reassurances that "all is well" at home. Our aim is to make this process quick and easy and therefore we are using a simple Microsoft Form for you to complete daily, during the morning period from 9am to 12 noon. We will make a further attempt to contact you if we have not received a response after this time. We will share the link to this form, every morning, via Class Dojo. If anyone requires support setting up Class Dojo, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

I am aware that some teachers have discussed this daily contact with parents/carers already and thank you for your support with this. We will commence this consistent simple system from Monday the 1st February.

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Remote Learning Review

We also require your help in reviewing our Remote Learning programme so far. We are aware of the difficulties that “home learning” presents and are committed in ensuring the programme works for you and your family circumstances. With this in mind, could I kindly ask you to share your feedback with us, by completing the form below.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EIPtrcvGGk6VzhagziBpx1iC4ic-_kpFiLn6I5MRY4NURTA5S1IyVVhPMFFNOTNVRjY5UFdGTDRRS4u

Lateral Flow Testing

Finally, we have implemented twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) for staff. If a member of staff tests positive on the LFT, then this will immediately trigger the school’s Track and Trace systems to determine close contacts and those affected will be contacted.

As always, many thanks for your support with all our new initiatives and please be reassured that we implement them not just to follow Government guidance, but also to ensure that we are looking after our whole community in the best way possible.

Warm wishes



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Headteacher

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