4th January 2021

Dear Parents,

I sincerely hope that you have managed to have an enjoyable, peaceful Christmas given the circumstances.

At the beginning of the Spring Term, we once again find ourselves having to deal with tighter Coronavirus restrictions but, with continued home-school co-operation, I am sure we will get through this period together.

Firstly, thank you to those parents who contacted the school by lunchtime on Saturday to request a Critical Worker place for your child(ren). By now, Mrs. Mulla will have contacted you to confirm places. Additionally, over the weekend, Senior Leaders have contacted the families of pupils who are considered vulnerable. If we were unable to make contact, further phone calls will be made today.

Following the further trialling of connecting virtually with pupils during the whole-school closure of Valley at the end of November, over the next two weeks, staff will continue to develop the school’s offer of remote learning. From Year 2 up, we will look to deliver a live maths and English activity to two separate groups each day along with an afternoon activity linked to either the IPC, science, RE or computing areas of the curriculum. Due to the age of pupils, in Reception and Year 1, there will be a slightly different offer in these year groups. One Class Teacher from each Year Group will lead the learning for those pupils in school while the parallel Class Teacher will lead the home learning offer. All pupils, irrespective of whether they are on site or at home, will receive the same set tasks.

Parents will receive the links to these sessions and the timings for each group via Parentmail. All other resources to support home learning will be uploaded under the Year Group tabs of the **Lockdown Home Learning Tab** which can be found by clicking on the **Curriculum Tab** on the homepage of the school’s website: <https://www.valleyprimary.co.uk/Curriculum/online-resources-for-pupils>

For those pupils who will be attending school, school uniform is required but pupils are permitted to wear an additional fleece / jumper as the classroom windows will be open so the overall classroom temperature might prove to be a little cooler than normal. Pupils will also need to bring with them a named water bottle and a mid-morning snack. A hot school lunch will be on offer for the pupils attending school. The school will also put in place provision for families who receive benefits-related free school meals where the child is not attending school. Valley Primary School will continue to operate the same staggered timings for drop-off and collection.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. S Jackson

Head Teacher