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Dear Parents,

As the first full week of our new way of working draws to an end, I wanted to write to you about feedback we have been getting from you on the Blended Learning provision which we are using here at Bussage, together with observations from us. As I said in my last letter, I see this as a joint team effort as we navigate our way through this new operation and feedback is essential to its development moving forward.

From you: The Google Classrooms platform seems to be working well as we continue to use its various functions. Some parents have asked if work could be posted sooner to allow parents to plan activities ahead and this is something we will aim to do. Another request was around keeping the invite to a Google Meet visible at all times. I am not against this, however, whilst it is visible, it is possible for children to start and run their own meetings without adult supervision which is something we all want to avoid.

From us: We are learning new things as we go. We have high expectations of pupil behaviour within school and this should be translated to behaviour online and within the Google Classroom context. Miss Sullivan has produced a sheet which I shall attach to this email. It is mainly for children about what is and is not expected of them.

Where Google meets have been set up for teacher and child, they are not there for parents to participate in. If you have a question for a teacher, it should be emailed to them. Thank you for your cooperation. I also know that it can be a bit intrusive for you, having your child's teacher (and indeed the whole class) appearing in your kitchen. Obvious protocols about making sure everyone is appropriately dressed and pets are in another room would be great.

I am immensely grateful to you for engaging with us in the Remote Learning and being incredibly realistic in your expectations. I am also pleased to note that the national obsession with "Live Lessons" doesn't appear to be gaining ground here. The teachers are doing an amazing job, working incredibly hard as they get to grips with a new way of working. Teaching Assistants are brilliantly supporting them by working with the Key Worker children in school. Indeed all staff are doing their bit for the school and I know many of you have expressed your gratitude to them.

Expectations are that all children will access and participate in Remote Learning here at Bussage. I shall be logging on to my Admin Account on **Monday 18th January** where I will be able to see who has and who has not accessed their Google Classroom account. If any of you are having issues with devices or connectivity, please let me know by emailing the Office. If you have not been able to access work, I shall be contacting you shortly to see if there are any issues I can resolve.

Any parent with an issue regarding devices should contact the school so that we can see what support we can put into place.

Whole School Assembly – Zoom: I shall be looking to run our first whole school assembly on Friday 22nd January at 10.00am via Zoom. I shall be sending a link out next week. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.



It isn't just in school that you can help us. We are relying on you to make sure that children are not mixing outside of school. Any mixing of households increases the risk to everyone.

Keep safe!

A Ferguson
Head Teacher