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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for the efforts that you have gone to, in order to ensure that your children are learning at home. It is never easy motivating the children again after the Christmas break, so we do appreciate that this can be a challenge! If your child hasn't accessed any work yet, please ensure that they do so as soon as possible. The **children in school are covering the same work** as that being set for children at home and they will all be expected to have a good understanding of the work when we are all able to return to school. There was a **significant learning loss** during the last lockdown and we cannot afford for this to happen again. We do understand the pressure parents are under if you are working from home, but most children should be able to listen to the recorded power points and then complete the work mainly independently. Teaching staff are also available via the 'chat' function on Showbie for help and support. Please submit work via Showbie wherever possible as this makes it easier for staff to respond.

We have made the decision **not to deliver live teaching**, partly because a specific time can be difficult if you have more than one child at home and also because it is difficult for us to monitor what the children on-line are doing or saying, which creates a safeguarding risk.

For Critical Worker and vulnerable children in school, we had initially we organised one class per year group, so that two teachers were available to respond to the work being submitted from over 60 children, but in order to reduce possible transmission of the virus, we have now organised two classes per year group and the **largest one has 14 children**. This means that the children can have a desk each and be spaced apart in the classroom. This has reduced our capacity to respond to learning submitted from home, so please be patient with us. It would really help if children could **submit work via Showbie during the day**, as they complete it, rather than send it all in the evening.

We are continuing to provide the **full dinner menu** that was planned and a lovely hot meal has certainly been welcomed by many today!

There has been very little guidance about the provision of free school meals for those at home. Therefore, we have decided to **provide vouchers** (£11 per week as this is the cost of school meals). Thanks to the quick work of Mrs Lord in the office, the first of those has gone out today. We have many families who live a distance from school and the food hampers that we provide do not suit everyone, so we decided that this was the best option. This also helps to reduce any transmission through families collecting food parcels, or staff dropping them off.

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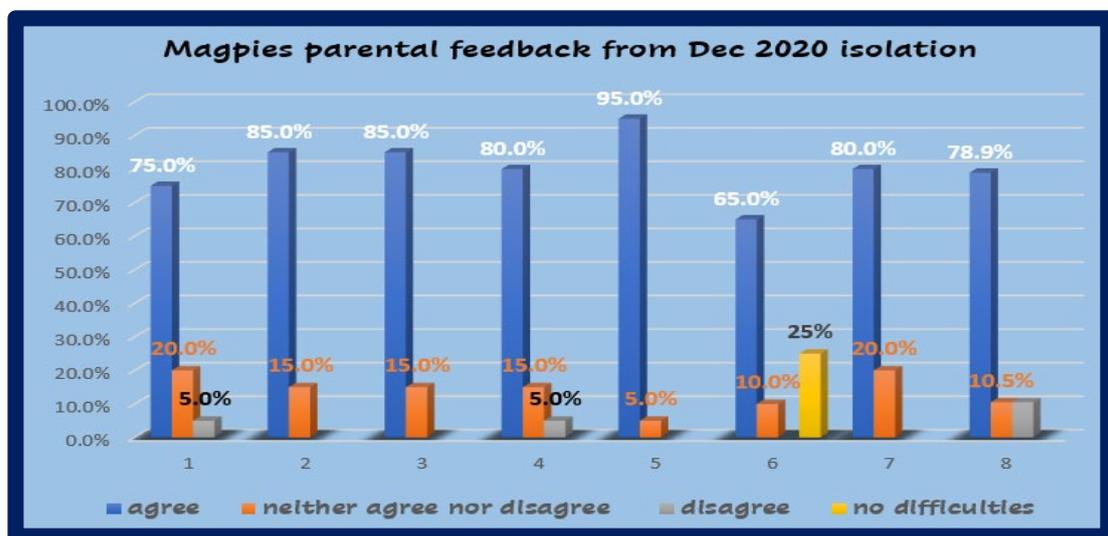
Please continue to keep us updated regarding any symptoms or positive test results in your household, even if your child is not at school. 01332 512373

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When a year 4 class had to isolate last term for 10 days, we had an excellent response and **only one child was not completing the home learning**. We sent out a questionnaire to parents to ascertain their views about the process and the results are below:

### Questions

1. Communication about class isolation and details have been timely and accurate
2. Information sent out about home learning was helpful and easy to follow
3. My child has been able to use Showbie and access the work.
4. The teaching materials and resources were of good quality
5. Teachers were available and responding
6. where there have been difficulties - staff have been available for support
7. my child was able to follow the instructions provided to complete the work
8. My child enjoyed the learning and was motivated to complete task



If you have any difficulties at all, contact your year group teachers either through Showbie, or the year group email. If it is an urgent query, do contact school directly.

Please support the whole school community by ensuring that you and your family follow the lockdown rules by only going out for essential reasons. **We are continuing to hear about families mixing**. If your extended family does not live in the same house as you, **do not meet them** indoors, unless they live on their own and you are their support bubble.

**Please remember if you break the rules, you are not only risking the lives of your family, but also those of staff members and their families if your child is in school. There are people in their 20's, 30's and 40's all currently fighting for their lives in ICUs – the risk is simply not worth taking.**

Sending sincere best wishes to all our families

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