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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all still keeping well and coping as well as possible with the many things that we are sure you are having to juggle right now.

As the period of school closure continues, we are aware of the increasing impact that reduced interaction with peers and staff can have on our children, particularly in relation to motivation and engagement. We know how important it is that our children are still able to experience a sense of belonging in these challenging times.

Therefore we have decided to invite children in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two to take part in 30 minute class Zoom meetings at the end of each week. This will be an opportunity to catch up with their teachers and share any learning that they may have been doing at home.

These meetings will take place at 4.00pm for Key Stage One and at 4.30pm for Key Stage Two. The first ones will take place this Thursday (due to Friday being a Bank Holiday). They will then continue at the same times each Friday until the situation changes.

Teachers will host the meetings and, for safeguarding reasons, will ensure that meetings can only be accessed by those invited (class members). In addition, we will always ensure that two staff members are present in each meeting.

Invitation details will be text to parents using the usual Teachers2Parents service in advance of the meeting slots. We ask that children are supported by parents with accessing the meeting and then allowed to participate as independently as possible; however, we of course understand that some children will need more support than others.

In order to enable the meeting to run as effectively as possible, microphones should be muted and the hand up facility should be used where possible for a child to show that they would like to contribute. When the teacher identifies that it is the child's turn to speak, their microphone should be unmuted. Use of the camera/video is optional and it is for parents/carers to decide whether they would like to use this feature.

If a child is supported by parents or carers to access the meetings, we will assume that consent has been given for the child to use this application/communication platform. However, if you would like to discuss this further, please do contact me.

It is important to note that these meetings are entirely **optional** and there is no expectation from school's perspective that every member of each class will attend; we simply wish to add to our offer in an attempt to support our families with home learning and support wellbeing.

We hope that you and your child may find this useful and look forward to Thursday!

Kind regards,
Mrs Martin