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Dear Parent/Carer,

I have spent the last two weeks listening to parents, staff and children's opinions on our remote learning provision. Everyone has done an amazing job ensuring that the children learning at home receive the same provision as those children in school, whilst overcoming what can be very challenging technological issues. We are very proud to say that 100% of the school community is learning whether online or in school which is way above the national average of 82%.

Home learning has resulted in extreme pressures for those parents who are at home with their children, some of whom are working from home with more than one child, we have also found that some of our younger children are struggling the longer that this continues. It is the feedback from these parents together with the fact that this current lockdown looks to continue for some time which has led to me making some small changes to our provision from **Monday 25th January**. Starting from next week there will be **no online learning sessions for pupils on a Friday**. Monday through to Thursday children in Years 1-6 will have 4 online sessions at 9:15, 10:15, 11:15 and 13:15 whilst children in Reception will have three sessions at 9:15, 10:15 and 13:15. We will also have a whole school celebration assembly on a Thursday at 14:30 for those who can join us. On a Friday, teachers will set assignments (work) for children to complete if they wish but this will be optional and as the children do not have to be physically present for any sessions we hope that this gives parents a little bit more flexibility.

These changes will also allow teachers to better balance the two jobs they are currently asked to do by teaching the children in school and those at home. If you have any further questions about this or you need support for your child at home please ring school so we can support you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Pointon
Headteacher

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