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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and in good health.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the initial survey regarding remote learning. The results were very positive considering that this is new territory for teachers and families alike. Please take a look at the results accompanying this letter.

With the Summer term commencing next week, I would like to share with you the plans that are in place for you and your children.

The service for frontline workers continues, in line with government guidance. The location for this provision will depend on the number of children and the availability of staff, but our current thinking is that it will most probably continue to be hosted at Okehampton Primary. To reassure you, there will be members of staff from the Dartmoor Federation primary schools facilitating this, but we cannot guarantee that it will be someone that your child is familiar with. If you are a key worker requiring provision, and there are no other safe alternatives for childcare, please contact your school via the Administrator's email to arrange this with the Headteacher.

Classroom Dojo is the preferred platform for remote learning and for home and school to keep in contact. The launch has been very successful with nearly 100% sign up. If you have not received an invite or are having issues setting this up, please contact your school via the Administrator's email.

Remote learning will be set by your child's teacher and shared with you each Friday with information for the following week. This will provide time for you to have a look at the content over the weekend, make a timetable and collect any materials that may be required. We are not expecting you to teach your children, but rather to structure learning time across the week depending on your personal circumstances and commitments. Teachers will be setting learning with the year group's level of maturity and independence in mind and the resources that most families would have at home. It is our aim to provide video tutorials, guidance and activities that children can access as independently as possible.

As I stated in my previous correspondence to you, we aim to provide an element of choice in the tasks set, as we understand that children learn in different ways and are inspired to engage with different learning activities. If you feel that your child is having difficulty accessing the learning please let us know, as we are able to adapt tasks to their specific needs.

Please take a look at a government site which has a comprehensive list of online resources for both primary and secondary aged children that your child's teacher may recommend or you may find useful:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

In addition, please refer to the safeguarding page on the school website for details on how to keep everyone safe.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Whittle'.

Phil Whittle

Executive Headteacher