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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are sure you are aware, the continuing outbreak of Covid-19 is causing a great deal of concern and uncertainty. We would like to assure that the safety and well-being of the children is our top priority and we are following all advice from the government and Public Health England.

There is a great deal of speculation about the possibility of schools having to close. At the moment, we have no further information and remain open. However, we want to assure you that all the staff have been making plans so that teaching and learning can continue effectively should we have to close. We wanted to share our ideas with you now so that you are aware of what may happen in the event of closure.

Firstly, online learning provides us with an excellent opportunity to share lessons and resources with children simply and efficiently. Our plans include:

Years 1 - 3: Websites will be set up. These will be updated daily with different activities.
Years 4 - 6: Google Classroom will be used to send out daily lessons. The children are already using this in school so will know how to access it.

The staff have been very busy researching and learning how to create a range of activities suitable for online learning. These may include:

- Lesson presentations - Google Slides/Powerpoint
- Worksheets for practising skills
- Video presentations by teachers and outside companies
- Online quizzes for assessment
- Video conference calls so that classes can still meet
- Access to premium learning websites for free
- Audio clips of your child's teacher - reading stories/instructions

Of course, we are aware that online learning is dependent upon reliable internet access and that this may be impossible for some families. Therefore, we have planned activities for those who cannot access the internet for these lessons. In order to produce an adequate number of these resources, please could you fill in the attached form. If you cannot complete the online form, please inform our office staff directly.

Click here for the online form: <https://forms.gle/qy9h9DYFXKfmW4Mr5>

We hope that this provides you with the reassurance that Bovington Academy is fully prepared for whatever may happen in the future.

Kind regards