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Dear Parents,

Please find below an update regarding the information we sent you yesterday.

Critical Worker and Vulnerable Children

Thank you very much to those parents who have been able to find safe provision for their children during the school closure. Our numbers are still very high, around 1/3 of the school, and as you know the less contacts we all have the safer our community will be. If you decide on reflection that you do not need this provision please inform katie.taylor-bailey@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk

Attendance of Critical Worker Children

If your child has a critical worker place and they are not going to be attending every day, please let the main office (katie.taylor-bailey@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk or catherine.fussey@nettleton.lincs.sch.uk) know the days they will be in.

Time of Submission of Remote Learning

We asked yesterday that work would be submitted by 2pm each day. The reason for this was so teachers were able to assess the work and make alterations to the next day's learning based on that assessment, like we would if children were in school.

It is clear that some families, for different reasons, are going to find it a challenge to complete the work by 2pm. Therefore whilst we ask all families to aim to complete the work by 2pm, we will leave the work up on the website for an additional day in order for those families who need a little more time. Please tell your child not to worry if it is not done by 2pm!

Amazon Fire Devices

We are aware that some of our remote learning content (anything involving Microsoft Teams) doesn't appear to be supported on Amazon devices. We have worked hard to find a solution this morning and we are very much hoping that by Friday it will not be an issue. Please bear with us tomorrow if it does not work on your Amazon device.

Device Update

We know we have a number of families who do not have devices or enough devices to be able to access the remote learning.

The DFE had allocated us a number of devices across both of our schools that we were told we would get upon school closure. It has now been communicated to us that these will now take some time to come in as secondary schools and schools in more disadvantaged parts of the country are priorities. As you can imagine this is very disappointing and frustrating as our plan relied on these devices.

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We are working with our IT provider to repurpose a number of our school based devices (laptops and ipads) however changes need to be made to allow them to be used at home. We only have a limited number of devices so we will prioritise who gets them based on need. These items will be loaned to pupils and will be needed back in school once we reopen in order to deliver the curriculum.

Apologies as I know we have asked you for this information before but can you please complete this FORM **only if you have no way of accessing the remote learning**. If you do not complete this form we will assume you have devices and are able to access the remote learning. We expect demand will exceed supply.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RT85PNnHcUKtLpeJ5f-ONg3FHEyvuP9DtshqWd47q_1URTJZNkIRUjU4RjVOWjI4SFRRVUdSRFJDMS4u

Whilst we get these devices configured, if you cannot access the remote learning please contact the school office (MR 01673 842395 NCPS 01472 851455) who will arrange a paper pack that you can collect that will last up to 2 weeks.

Free School Meals

We are awaiting information from the Government regarding Free School Meals (means tested FSM not the universal FSM that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get) for those children who are not coming into school at the moment. As soon as this information comes in we will communicate this to you. In the meantime if your child is eligible for means tested Free School Meals and you would like a hot lunch please e-mail emma.barnes@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk and it will be ready to pick up from school (either site) at 12.00.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. I am very conscious that I don't want to bombard parents with e-mails however things are moving very quickly and it is important to keep you informed.

Kind regards,

Andrew

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