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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find an update regarding items we have been communicating about recently.

### **Provision for Critical Workers and Vulnerable**

Presently we have around 33% of our total children across the Federation in each day. At Market Rasen we have had to open an extra bubble due to numbers. As you know it is safer for everyone if we have as few children and therefore staff on site as possible. The government has changed the guidance to say that if children of critical workers can stay at home then they should.

To help us please only bring in your children if you absolutely have to and only on the days you are working.

[On the days your child is at home they should access the remote learning.](#)

### **Free School Meals Provision**

We are still awaiting information from the DFE regarding vouchers for those children eligible from means tested free school meals. In the meantime if you would like to order and collect your child's hot school meal please e-mail [emma.barnes@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:emma.barnes@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) the day before. If you need further food support please get in touch with [nichola.allerston@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:nichola.allerston@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) who will be able to help.

### **Devices**

We have contacted all parents who have requested devices and they are ready for collection from the main offices. If you have requested a device please pick it up as soon as you can.

We do have a limited number of donated or lent devices from the local community. If you have a device but it is less than ideal, for example a mobile phone, get in touch and we may be able to lend you one of these devices. Please contact [andrew.smith@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:andrew.smith@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk)

### **KIT Calls**

We have started our keeping in touch calls this week and it has been lovely to catch up with our pupils and parents in this way. Please answer calls from restricted ID if you can as it is likely to be us.

### **Remote Learning**

We know that home learning is challenging and we thank you for all of your amazing efforts with it. Our engagement with remote learning is very good; between 80-90% in most cases. Our aspiration is for this figure to be around 96% which is our usual attendance. We expect the engagement to increase to near this once all of the devices that have been requested have been collected.

Remember if your child needs any support with their work, record this in the answer form or call the office to arrange a call back. We have staff waiting to help them.

If your child is not engaging with home learning we will be in touch to see what we can do to support you.

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### **Remote Learning Quality Assurance**

We are very interested in your view of our remote learning offer. Please complete this short form and let us know what you think. Your responses will be reviewed by Governors and used to improve the offer for your child.

[REMOTE LEARNING FORM FOR PARENTS](#)

Thanks once again for all of your efforts with home learning and your understanding of the challenges we are facing. Your support, as ever, is much appreciated.

Please get in touch if you need any help or support.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Smith  
Executive Headteacher

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