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Dear Parents, Carers and friends of our school,

Further to my letter about our core offer yesterday I write with additional information and to add clarification to some of the points I raised.

Reception Class parents, instead of receiving learning for their child through Microsoft Teams, will receive learning through Tapestry. This will have been explained to you and your child this morning during your child's first tutorial on Microsoft Teams.

I fully understand there are families that don't have IT resources and struggle with this. It has been highlighted to us that Microsoft Teams can be accessed through Xbox, PS4 and through SMART televisions. I hope for those parents having difficulty this may help ease the issues.

Finally, there has been much discussion online on Facebook and WhatsApp overnight about my letter yesterday; please allow me to add clarity to my rationale. During the first lockdown we made weekly welfare calls to families to find out how children were and to check if there was anything we could do to support families; we also did weekly Storytime and time to talk. During this lockdown, and because of the commitment of our staff, we are able to offer a daily online tutorial. Of course, this not only enables us to support children's learning but also offers the opportunity to check that children are safe and well, negating the need for welfare calls as previously detailed. We have made these sessions mandatory to ensure we safeguard every single child in our school as, during the first lockdown, there were certain children we didn't see for some months. These sessions are in addition to the 3 or 4 hours of daily learning your child will be expected to complete.

Please be assured, whilst some of our decisions might not seem clear to some, the safety of your child is ALWAYS our first concern and decisions are ALWAYS taken with the safety of children, families and staff in mind.

Thank you once again to those parents that have offered generous words of gratitude and support, and to those parents that have contacted me directly for clarity.

Assuring you all of our best intentions at all times and with warmest regards,

Damian Davey
Headteacher

