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Dear Parents & Carers,

What a fun start to the day we had today! As some of you may be aware, our fire alarm was triggered just before 9am this morning. This was caused by an electrical fault on an appliance in the staff room. The staff quickly dealt with the situation and the children were evacuated from the building onto the field. Once the school was checked and everything was safe we returned to our normal frantic Friday routine. We then had an electrician on site within the hour, who has checked everything is now safe. A huge well done to all of the children and staff who followed the evacuation instructions sensibily and calmly.

## Remote Learning Update

As you are probably aware from national media, schools are required to be able to be in a position where they can support remote learning by the end of September. I just wanted to update you with our arrangements.

At the end of the summer term we were able to bid for a £1500 DfE grant to support remote learning. This enabled us to work through the summer with Google to set up G-Suite for our school, this includes Google classroom. Staff took part in the first part of their online training last week and training is on-going whilst we are setting up our virtual classrooms. We are on a steep learning curve so please bear with us!

In time, each child will have a personal log in which will allow them access to their virtual classroom and school work. This will be a fantastic tool which will be used in school to support our teaching and learning regularly, but will also enable children to access their school work if they are required to be at home e.g. self-isolating or local lockdown occurs

We are also increasing the number of devices that we have in school with a view to being able to operate a loans system for those that need to borrow a school device to work at home.

Over the coming weeks we plan to work with the children to ensure that they are familiar with their online classroom and know their personal log ins.

In the meantime, it would be helpful to know if any families do not have reliable internet access, for whom we may need to provide alternative support should the need arise. Please drop us an email and let us know if this is the case for you. Thank you.

Learning and growing together with God

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Liz Orland Head Teacher