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Dear parents,

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Thank you to all of you who are following socially distancing guidelines around our school grounds and using the one way system to drop off and collect your children; this is working really well. Other measures we have taken such as the additional cleaning of toilets and cloakrooms mid-way through the morning and after our lunchtime is helping to keep areas clean and safe. Bubbles are staying within their Bubbles in and around our school.

Unfortunately, we have heard that Bubbles in nearby Primary and Secondary schools are having to isolate for 14 days as a result of someone testing positive for COVID19. I feel that now is the right time, to let you know what our Teachers have been working on to support your child's learning at home - if it comes to the point that your child's Bubble needs to isolate.

The 'Home Learning Grid' survey which most parents completed, has been very useful for us to make an informed decision of what Home Learning could look like if it is needed in the future. We have decided that one Maths and one English activity will be shared with you and daily Family Fun activities per week. These will be available on Facebook and our school website if your child's Bubble needs to isolate.

In addition to this, Teachers have been familiarising themselves with Microsoft TEAMS and how we can use this tool safely to teach your children. Mr Glenton and Mrs Anderson have led training in school and prepared TEAMS for your children to use at home.

We will **not** be 'video conferencing' lessons to your children **live**. After much discussion, we felt that this would be an inconvenience to family life. For example, your child would need to log on to a device at a specific time. If you have more than one child, this could be even trickier! Teachers will upload tasks onto TEAMS so that you and your child can access the tasks when it is convenient for you as a family.

Sometime this week, your child's class teacher will send you a text message with a link to Monkey Survey to view the 'Home and School agreement on the use of TEAMS'. This can be viewed now by following this link to our school website. Further information is also available on the agreement. <http://www.edmondsley.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/146/2020/09/Parental-agreement-TEAMS-1.pdf>

Parents have to agree to the protocols before a username and password will be sent to you. Please note, some terms of use refer to video conferencing. We will **not** be using this function. If in the future, we decide it would be useful, then you will be notified by myself.

Best wishes everyone,

Mrs Angela Rees
Head Teacher