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Dear Parents,

Having reflected on the wonderful way in which your children have engaged with home learning, and the support we are receiving from you in order for them to do so, we are introducing a 'next step' for years 5 and 6.

Mrs Nicholson and Mr Owen-Jones are going to be offering a mid-week maths tutorials for the respective year groups that they teach, via Zoom. This will provide an excellent opportunity for children to be given refreshed demonstrations of mathematical methods and allow any misconceptions to be addressed.

Zoom will run on all web-enabled digital devices, including desktop computers, laptops, and tablets. If needs must, it will also work on any smartphone, although a small screen is not ideal. Please ensure you have downloaded it prior to the meeting on Wednesday. Each week you will receive an email invitation to join the Zoom meeting, which will be password protected, and on the day of the meeting you will be held in a waiting room until Mrs Nicholson and Mr Owen-Jones has verified who you are.

There are very few primary schools using online teaching during this time – less than 1% were found in a recent survey from a teachers union, but we feel that the maturity of years 5 and 6, the expertise of Mr Owen-Jones and Mrs Nicholson (who has experience of online tutoring), the small cohort size and your unwavering support, it is an approach that will work for us and benefit your children.

As you will be aware, any online engagement carries a number of risks and wish to mitigate them. But, by having clear guidance for all parties about the use of Zoom and the consequences for misuse this should be a straight forward and beneficial addition to our current home learning package.

Guidance for Pupils

At the start of the lesson

Be ready – all equipment for the morning's lessons should be to hand.

Please enter the waiting room a few minutes before the lesson starts

You must enter the room with the video on.

You must use the correct version of your name.

During the lesson

Remember that every lesson and every Chat is recorded. Just like when you are at school, you are personally responsible for your online behaviour and any misconduct or rule breaking will be reported.

Guidance for Parents

Please be aware that the following apply to live lessons:

- No 1:1 lessons will ever take place.
- Staff and children must wear suitable clothing, as should anyone else in the household.
- Any computers used should be in appropriate areas, for example, not in bedrooms; and where possible be against a neutral background.
- Language must be professional and appropriate, including any family members in the background.
- Videos may be muted for both pupils and staff if other children in the household become unsettled or cause a disruption.
- The same rules of conduct and behavior will apply as apply in the classroom and our Behaviour Policy can be found on the website as a point of reference.
- Parents and children do not have permission to record, screen grab or photograph the lesson.
- Any safeguarding issues or concerns about behaviour will be reported to Mrs Brown immediately by Mrs Nicholson or Mr Owen-Jones and the session may be recorded by them for evidence of this.
- The privacy agreement we have agreed with Zoom can be found here - <https://zoom.us/docs/en-us/childrens-privacy.html>
- Mrs Brown will also receive an invitation to the lessons and can access them at any point to ensure policy and procedure is adhered to.

We appreciate your support during this challenging time and the enthusiasm you have shown to keep your children engaged and supported. I personally wish to thank our teachers too, who have proved their dedication and commitment to your children whilst managing their own family commitments and children's continued education. I sincerely hope you find all the tools we are providing useful, supportive, educational and fun! We look forward to the day when children's laughter fills the classrooms once more, but until then embrace this new way of working.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'B' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mrs Brown