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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sorry to be writing this letter, we were all hoping that we would be able to open to all pupils after Christmas, however we have all seen the increase in cases over the last few weeks and we were expecting a drastic measure to take place. I just hope that we can all return to school as soon as is safe to do so.

In the meantime I would like to mention a few things to you:-

**Reading Books** - over the coming days your child's class teacher will arrange a time for you to change your child's reading books. You will be sent a message from the school office or from your child's teacher to arrange a time.

**Wellies** – we realise that we asked you to supply your child with a pair of wellies at the beginning of last term. If you find that you need these at home, please contact the academy office and we will arrange a convenient time for you to collect them.

**Remote Learning/Live lessons** – staff have been working tirelessly to arrange the remote learning for your child. If you are having login issues or need any additional support, please contact the academy office and your message will be passed onto your child's class teacher, or send a message via the learning platform to your child's class teacher. Please however, be aware that the class teachers are all teaching during the school day and may well not be able to respond to your messages straight away.

Some parents have been asking about live streaming of lessons. We will not be doing this as not all our families have access to devices or stable internet connections. Live streaming and teaching at the same time is just not possible. Staff may well record sessions for your child to access, this may include phonics, story time or a collective time whereby the class can meet at the same time. Your class teachers will let you know what they have planned.

**FSM vouchers** – I have been informed that we will be able to access Edenred Vouchers for those children entitled to Free School Meals who are not attending school. As soon as this is set up, we will let you know.

**Joe Wicks PE** – Joe Wicks has announced that from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, he will be running his YouTube PE session again on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am. If you want to join him, please do and email us your photos.

**Just One Number** – If you need any support in any way with your child relating mental health issues, general health and any parenting issues you can call Just One Number on 0300 300 0123 or text Parentline on 07520 631590. Opening hours are 8am-6pm Monday-Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) and 9am-1pm on Saturday. The link to their website is <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/emotional-health>

If you need anything, please contact the academy office in the first instance.

We appreciate that these are challenging times and look forward to being able to have our whole school community back as soon as it is safe to do so.

Yours Sincerely,

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Mrs Belinda Allen

Executive Head