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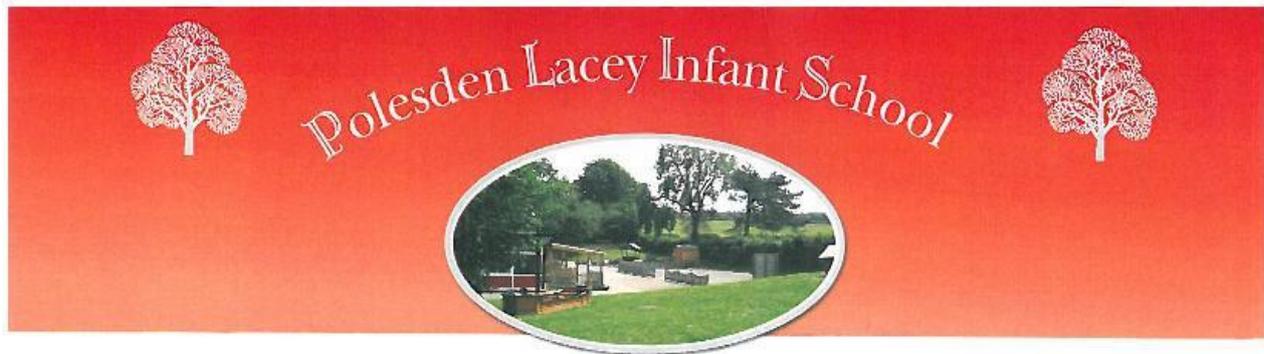
Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a roller coaster of a 36 hours for all of us. Many thanks for the support that you have shown to your children, the school and the staff whilst we make the changes necessary to deliver the curriculum to your children.

All of you will have received an email from the class teacher/teachers yesterday outlining our plans for the rest of this week. We understand that having your child/children at home and supporting them with their learning can be challenging at the best of times and even more so when you yourselves are trying to work. All the staff have worked tirelessly and the plan we have put in place is what we believe is best for children of this age. You will see that we have developed what we provided in the summer term and have included at least one live online session a day. We are also planning on having a greater number of pre-recorded sessions, particularly for Year 1 and Year 2 children, which your child will be able to access at a time that works for you and your family. We are mindful that, due to the age of your children, you will want to be in the room at any time they are using the internet and that many of you will have several children needing to use limited broadband width and computing devices. As the week goes on we will be continuing to review our remote learning offer to ensure that we are providing a meaningful and productive provision that enables all pupils to learn and make progress.

All of our teachers will be working from home, with our Teaching Assistants and support staff supporting the children who need to be in school due to their particular circumstances or with a parent/parents who are considered critical workers. The teachers will be planning, preparing presentations, delivering the online sessions and providing feedback to the children in their classes. Mrs. Mathews will be working online either one to one or with very small groups of children to support them in specific areas. If your child will

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be receiving this intervention you will be contacted directly by Mrs. Mathew to arrange timings. As with the rest of our provision, we will be reviewing this to see if it is an effective way of delivering support.

If you are able, please do upload some of the work that your child has done as this is the best way for the teachers to provide individual feedback and next steps for the children in their learning. The work that they submit will also guide the teachers in their planning to ensure that they address misconceptions or identify gaps and plan appropriately for groups of children or individuals to fill the gaps. Please submit your photos or documents via Tapestry for Rabbits (Reception) class and for Squirrel (Year 1) and Badger (Year 2) class this will be through Google Classroom.

Finally, please help your child in embedding routines that will support them with their home learning. In addition, please do continue to be socially responsible. We should not be out in the community. The sole exceptions are for exercise, shopping for the essentials or working, if we cannot work from home. Only with continued adherence to the strict new laws can we begin to halt the current rate of devastation caused by the new strain of the virus and then we will be able to welcome all children back to school.

I thank you in advance for your continued support and encouragement.

Take care and stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rebecca Mole'.

Rebecca Mole

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