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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well.

Unfortunately, we had to temporarily close our year 1 bubble this week due to a positive case amongst the children attending. This serves as reminder that we all need to remain vigilant to symptoms of Covid 19 and follow all government guidance during this lockdown, and moving forward.

Here are a few more questions we have received from parents recently:

Does the school have any guidance on issues of Online Safety?

This issue has taken on even greater importance recently given how much we are all relying on the Internet for teaching and learning during lockdown.

We are reviewing our procedures on a regular basis. This week we have decided to move away from Zoom, as a platform for live parent/child meetings and lessons, and instead will be using Google Meet. This grants us additional security as only those with a South Harringay School account will be granted access.

We have recently been made aware of children engaging with a stranger on some of their social media apps outside of school. It is vitally important you know which apps your child is using and how they are using them. The following link will help you to understand some of the most popular apps of the moment and what you, as a parent/carer, need to know: https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides

The apps which seem to be causing some concern within our community at the moment are: Snapchat, Houseparty and Roblox. It might be worth using the link above to acquaint yourself with these apps as a starting point.

Do you need me to give up some of my child's critical worker days to support other families?

We have reached the maximum number of children we can accommodate safely, according to our risk assessment, in most year group bubbles now. We have had to disappoint a few criritcal worker parents seeking on-site support for their child's learning because of this.

If you are currently accessing on-site support, and think you might be able to have your child learn at home, for even some of the days they are currently attending school, please let our admin team know via email. This may help us, to help another families.

Yours Sincerely,

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