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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello again everyone. How are we all doing? What a week! Have we managed to make it to Friday still smiling? I really hope so.

Home Learning

Thank you so much for your patience, perseverance and understanding in getting to grips with online home learning this week. I know it is not easy! I think most initial issues have now been ironed out but if you are having any difficulties please do not hesitate to contact the school office or myself. Teachers have been really pleased to see the children during the daily calls, whilst it is obviously not the same, it has been great having a chance to chat together.

Remember working 1 to 1 with a parent at home is a far more intense way of working than when in a classroom situation at school, so you may find your child needs to work for a short period of time before needing to have a break. This is completely normal and to be expected, particularly the younger they are. Getting plenty of fresh air, reading, jigsaws and games are just some ways of having a calm and settled break between doing pieces of schoolwork. Also, don't forget if they are unable to join a call on any given day or unable to complete tasks set, we understand and it's fine.

Along with this letter, is a document outlining Teams calls etiquette. Please could you spend 5 minutes sharing this with your child. One of the teething issues earlier in the week, was with children using the 'chat' facility inappropriately, it should only be used for the purpose of asking questions about the work. I'm sure this will lessen as the novelty wears off.

A final note on home-learning, please continue to bear with our teachers whilst we all get used to this new way of teaching and learning, many of them are having to do so whilst at home looking after their own children at the same time or are in school with a group of key worker children.

Critical key Worker & Vulnerable Children

If your child is attending school, as you are a Critical Key Worker or they are 'vulnerable', please could I ask that from Monday children have a water bottle in school, wear school uniform, bring a piece of fruit if required and trainers for PE. Just as in the last lockdown, nothing else needs to be brought in e.g. no toys or pencil cases.

Each Wednesday, a new booking form for the following week will be sent. **Please complete and return it by 3pm on the Friday** to book any places needed for the following week. After this time, you will not be able to access the form and will need to email the office to book in or amend sessions. Once you have booked a session the system does not send out a confirmation. Please do not send children in without booking a place on the form or with the office if the form is closed. This is important as we may not have enough staff on the rota in school. **As always, please only book**



a place if it is absolutely necessary. If alternative arrangements can be made then please could I ask that you do so, as this is best way to keep the children and our staff safe.

That's all for now, obviously I will contact you should anything change, or I receive any updates or information. I hope you manage to have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Keep safe and take care,

Mrs. Cook