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Dear Parents and Carers,

You should all by now have received the first work pack for your children's move to remote learning, due to the government's announcement of a national lockdown. This contains work for the next ten days. Your child's class teacher will attempt to make contact with you this week and will remain in regular contact by phone over the course of the lockdown. If at any time during the lockdown you have a question or a concern, please ring the school office and we will ensure you can speak to your child's class teacher or teaching assistant.

I am fully aware of the pressure this is putting upon you at this time and have been immensely grateful for the support and cooperation you have shown over the course of the pandemic.

Remote Learning: We are very aware that "online" learning is not always that easy for Primary School pupils with demands on technology and internet connection being a barrier for households. For this reason, our remote learning, as in the first lockdown, will be work pack based with additional support, such as videos, documents and links to useful resource available via the [School Website](#) where each class has its own e-Learning page.

Initially, contact between home and school will be by phone, however, we will also reinstate the "chat" facility in the near future, that will be available from each class e-Learning page. In addition to this, we will also start to experiment with Microsoft Teams to see if children can join together at various times during the week (each child has a Microsoft Teams account, details of which were included in the letter included in their work pack).

New work packs will be hand delivered every fortnight during this lockdown and completed work packs will be collected for marking and feedback. You are also welcome to upload photographs of the children's work throughout the week, as many parents found this motivated the children at home last time. You will be sent a text message with the appropriate link that should make it quite easy for you to upload photographs from your phone. Teachers will respond to your children via the text message system if they upload work – although don't expect a text message for every piece of work 😊.

The children's hard work will also be rewarded by house-points and the potential to be chosen as the Star of the Week or my prestigious Head of School Award, that will be announced in the weekly Golden Assembly that will be broadcast on [Facebook Live](#). We would love as many of you to join us for this each Friday at 10am. This week's broadcast will not be a Golden Assembly, instead, I will talk you through the school website and how to use the chat facility and upload work for the teacher to see.

Provision for children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable Learners: We have received a large number of requests for places for children of key workers and have endeavoured to support these requests. I must stress that the more children that come into school, the greater the risk to them, their families and the staff, the safest place for everyone is still home. The purpose of school closures is to limit attendance and thus reducing the number of contacts that all of us have with people in other

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households. I therefore ask that all key worker parents try and limit the number of days that their children need to be in school so that we can accommodate everyone's needs. Our numbers need to reduce so please consider if there is any way of helping to do this; even if for only one day of the week to help us make the school as safe a place to teach and learn as possible.

Free School Meals: All parents with children that are entitled to *benefit related Free School Meals* should have received a text message offering them the chance to receive a weekly food parcel or a daily school meal, both to be collected from the school. Our first food parcels were delivered to the school and collected by parents yesterday. I would like to express my sincere thanks to J.P. Catering for their swift response to our request for the food parcels. If any parents believe their child is entitled to a Free School Meal but have not been contacted by the school, please feel free to get in touch and we will look into this for you. Likewise, if there are any parents experiencing difficulties in feeding their children during this challenging time, please get in touch with the school and we will try to support you.

Take care, stay safe and remember, we are only a phone call away,

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephen Warrell'.

Stephen Warrell

Head of School