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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I am pleased to say that the first week in lockdown is under all of our belts...

I would start by saying that I hope that this week has not been too disruptive but, of course, it has been for everyone!

From the moment that the Prime Minister made his announcement at 8pm on Monday, the leadership and admin team in school worked until the early hours of Tuesday morning trying to make sure we had systems in place to allow our key worker children in school the next day with all staff. Similarly our amazing teachers have been burning the midnight oil all week creating plans for remote learning.

Thank you for your patience and understanding this week. We have had numerous messages of thanks from parents/carers about the quick turnaround from Monday night that have been a real morale boost for the team.

I imagine that most of you had similar experiences trying to organise childcare and logistics for your own places of work and we know the pressures that it places on you.

Critical Key Worker Places

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey on Monday night – it really helped us get an idea of numbers to expect. The survey has now expired but if any other families have a situation where there is no adult at home to look after their children because both parents are key workers, please do call school and we will assess whether you qualify for your child to have a place.

A Plea

We have got a much higher number of key worker children in school than in the last lockdown, so a plea to only use school on the weekdays that you work as this will really help to release any further places if parents really need them. It will also help to minimise the transmission of the new strain of the virus as even though children are less likely to catch it, they are still carriers who can bring it into school and take it home with them. We need to all work together to look after each other!

Learning in School

Starting from this week, we have aligned all our lessons so that our normal school curriculum is being taught; in other words, the children are having the same continuation of learning that they would have had if lockdown had not occurred. All the lessons that



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are on the MyLearning platform are the same as those being taught in school to key worker children.

Home Learning using the MyLearning Platform

No matter how hard this second lockdown is for school, we are acutely aware how difficult home schooling may be for some families. You are in our thoughts and we hope that the daily My Learning content being generated is providing structure for your child. Class Teachers are happy to support in any way that they can so please do drop your child's teacher an email if you have any questions or concerns. For anything more urgent please do contact the school on 01759 371430 or office@stamfordbridgeschool.co.uk.

Thank you for the incredibly positive emails and tweets we have already received based on our Home Learning. The way that this content has been rapidly prepared and recorded by staff has been nothing short of incredible and I am very grateful to staff for managing to turn this round in such a limited space of time. Teachers are not only tasked with creating content, they are also on a rota to support learning in school. I must also thank our amazing support staff who are working exceptionally hard in school to support all pupils eligible to attend to access remote learning being created by teaching colleagues. Without the commitment of **all** colleagues our mission would simply fail.

I understand how challenging it is trying to make sure that your child has access to technology to get onto the MyLearning site especially where there are several children in a household all sharing a device. Please note that if you have Xboxes, PlayStations, Nintendo Switches and Smart TVs that connect to the internet they can be used to access the My Learning content. Please contact school if you require any technical guidance. We will do our very best to support you.

The Government has pledged to issue all schools with a specified number of laptops to assist pupils who do not have any devices at home. At present primary schools are unable to apply for these as they are being rolled out to secondary schools first; as soon as we have our allocation, we will be issuing them to families who fulfil the criteria.

In the meantime, we have staff in each year group who, every day, are on hand to issue logins if your child has forgotten theirs, respond to any queries about home learning and support your child generally throughout lockdown.

If you have any issues with passwords that do not work, please contact office@stamfordbridgeschool.co.uk and we will be happy to assist you.

What can I do if my child is reluctant to learn at home?

I know it can be for some parents, incredibly frustrating and difficult having to encourage an unwilling child to do their home learning, especially if you have your own work to do from home. Please do persevere with it as it is so important that your child continues with their learning so that they do not fall behind.



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Some tips may be:

✓ **Start the Day at the Usual time:**

Getting up and aiming to be ready to start work and home learning around the usual time will help you and your child get into the right mind set.

This can, of course, be flexible: there's no obligation to follow a timetable, or stick to school hours, but if you're home schooling alongside working and you have to work set hours or do a certain amount per day, it will help establish a routine that works for everyone.

✓ **Break up the day into manageable chunks**

Try to work out when your child works best, and with the least need for input from you, and plan your more focused work periods to fit in with those.

Obviously, how this works will depend on your child and how independent they are. If you have a Year 6 child, they might be able to concentrate on a task set by you or their teacher for 45 minutes – but if they're in year 3 or 4 maybe do 20 minutes at a time.

✓ **Finding a workspace**

Obviously not every home has desk spaces, especially if you have more than one child working from home so look at the lessons and see if any can be done elsewhere, such as reading can be done sitting on the settee.

✓ **Talk to your child's teacher**

If your child is still reluctant to do their home learning, contact their teacher using the email addresses below and request a phone call; hearing from their teacher can often help to reinforce the expectation that their school work is necessary.

Email addresses:

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What shall I do if my child has learning difficulties?

Mrs Garland, our SENDCo will be happy to talk to any parents and carers (Thursday/Fridays) who require guidance on how best to support their child during lockdown. In the first instance please email katygarland@stamfordbridgeschool.co.uk. Next week, every child with additional learning needs, who is learning from home, will be assigned either a Teacher/Teaching Assistant as a point of contact.

I hope that this is all useful to you and allows you to facilitate home learning for your child.

With very best wishes,

Claire Fielding



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