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Dear Parents

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It has a disruptive start to the new year with lockdown announced in January and with the heavy snow the last two weeks.

I am pleased to say that teachers and school staff have been working tirelessly to support you with the home learning. Please remember that during lockdown, it is essential that to keep your children to a school routine to support them in preparation when they are back in school. Having a structure to the day supports mental health and well-being as children have a purpose to the day. Your child's education is very important and we need to work together to ensure the children continue to learn during lockdown. Please make sure your child is up and ready to start their learning from 9.00 am and ensure they doing their work well.

At Farnham, we are using a mixed learning approach to ensure all pupils are accessing learning by some means.

1. Remote on-line learning is the best as it means children are safe at home and accessing learning either via purple mash or google classrooms. We are encouraging all pupils to access Google classrooms as this platform allows teachers to give feedback and check their work. We have found that Google classrooms gives the best quality of education whilst children are at home. All pupils have been issued with their passwords. Here is a link to the parents' guide for google classrooms.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ZrTmPborxPPDV_JrzUz5LVC1me-E_LGalRUIMbLUdys/edit#slide=id.p

Remember the work can also be done into the Maths and English exercise books (if you haven't collected them from school, please do so as soon as you can). When schools are safe to open again, the children can bring these maths and English books to school for the teachers to check.

You can also take photographs of your work and upload them for the teachers to check.

2. Please continue to use Purple Mash too as there are lots of opportunities for children to practise and consolidate their learning on this platform.
3. We have sent messages to all parents to collect printed Home Learning packs from school this week. These packs have enough work for at least 6 weeks. These can be used if
 - a) your child cannot access online learning all day and
 - b) to allow your child to have a break from sitting in front of a computer screen all day and do some work on paper. Please sit and help your children to do the best work that they can.



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4. In school learning for children of keyworkers or vulnerable children. The DfE has amended guidance for parents and carers. Significantly, this guidance now states:

*“Your child’s school or college will speak to you to identify whether your child needs to attend. **You should keep your child at home if you can.** They may ask to see simple evidence to check whether you are a critical worker such as your work ID badge or a pay slip.”*

Finally, please can I ask that we follow the lockdown restrictions to keep everyone safe. It is important we all adhere to these rules to protect ourselves and family members. Further information is on this link.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home#summary-what-you-can-and-cannot-do-during-the-national-lockdown>

Yours sincerely

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