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Remote Learning Expectations

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Dear parent/ carers,

As we head into the second week of full lockdown, I just wanted to reassure you that I really do appreciate the pressure that parents and children are under currently.

The government have set out guidance and expectations for remote learning during this time (please click link for full guidance)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951035/210108_Parents_Guidance_vF.pdf

This guidance states that

'remote education should be equivalent in length to the teaching your child would normally get in school and will include both recorded or live direct teaching time, and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently. It should be suitably tailored if your child has special educational needs or a disability.'

Although an average of 3-4 hours per day is the government recommendation for learning at home for primary age children, of course, for some children this will not be appropriate. As we are all coming to terms with these unforeseen changes to learning, it is vitally important that children feel safe and secure at this time. I know that whatever home learning support you are able to offer your children, some days will be better than others and we are absolutely fine with this: a little is better than nothing and I know you will do whatever you can to keep your child learning at home. Please do not put yourself under any more pressure than you are currently under: we know you are doing the very best you can, as are we all.

School is working hard to provide support for those families with no internet access / devices in the home by loaning a limited number of laptops and applying for free mobile phone data through the Department for Education scheme. Please let us know if you would be interested in this.

Teachers will also be arranging a weekly telephone 'touch base' call with parents and pupils starting this week, as a little bit of extra reassurance to let you know we're still here to help however we can and just for a friendly chat!

As you know schools are currently only open for children meeting the vulnerable / key worker criteria (please click link for full guidance) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#vulnerable-children-and-young-people>

Although many of our children could be considered vulnerable or having SEN, we must focus on those specified in the guidance to keep numbers attending face to face in school at a minimum to curb the risks of infection. The guidance above states that *'We know that receiving face-to-face education is best for children's mental health and educational achievement. We will keep the restrictions on schools and colleges under review so that children and young people can get back to school and college as soon as possible.'*

Like you, we really hope this will be as soon as possible. In the meantime, anything we can do to support, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your class teachers through Class Dojo or through the class email via the website

www.stephensonway.co.uk

Don't forget, you're doing a great job! Please stay safe.

Mrs Page

Head teacher

