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Dear Parents/ Carers

Weekly Update:

I hope that all families remain well and are keeping safe during this time. I can hardly believe that today is the start of May. Although the news is positive regarding fewer daily deaths and an overall fall in the number of cases admitted to hospitals, I know that the continued lockdown status is getting harder for all of you. We are trying to keep in touch with all of you in some way or another, and if you have missed our calls, then please get in touch with us. **The school helpdesk is open from 9am - 1pm Mondays to Fridays.**

Google Drive:

This remains the best and safest way to access the work being set for your children to complete at home. By completing work on the drive, your child's teacher has access to what they are doing and can assist them and give them feedback about their work. All online log-ins and passwords were sent home in the original learning packs. If you need assistance to access the online resources and google drive, you can call the helpline or email the school at info@star.newham.sch.uk

School Website:

If you cannot access the google drive, then all the work can also be located on the school website. On the home page you will find a link at the top of the page that will take you straight to the page containing all the information you need and also find suggested weekly timetables and well-being activities as well as links to many online games and resources. If you have a smart TV you can access the school website over the internet and see the work this way.

Learning Packs:

Teachers have tried to contact each child in their class to find out how they are getting on. During this conversation, teachers have tried to find out if children don't have any devices that they can use to access the google drive or download the work from the website. A list has been compiled of those children that need physical learning packs. Only the parents of children on the list will be getting parentmails with collection times. **Please do not come to the school if we haven't contacted you** as this will create a very unsafe environment for everyone. The work in the packs is exactly the same as on the google drive, so please stick to that option if you have a suitable device. **Next week we will send out packs for the 2 weeks.** Teachers will not be able to check work from these packs.

Vouchers:

I understand that many parents are feeling frustrated by the complicated voucher system. Can I please remind parents this is a government set up system and the school is doing everything we can to support families. Every Friday Ms Barracks has to wait in a virtual queue online for many hours to gain access to the portal to load the information to activate the vouchers. The local authority sends us a list every week of who is eligible for free school meals. Only if your name is on that list you are entitled to the vouchers. In my opinion the system is very complicated and cannot cope with the demand from so many schools. Please understand that this is simply not down to the school and we will help with whatever we can to address any queries. **If you have not applied for FSM on the council website, you will not be receiving any vouchers.**

The school will be closed for the bank holiday next Friday.

As the weather has not been the best this week, please remember that the best way to prepare for any future illness is to try and remain fit and healthy. Doing some daily exercise and sticking to a healthy diet is something the whole family can do together. Try and involve your children in helping to cook new meals and do some family exercises together.

Have a lovely weekend and stay as safe as possible.

Ms Von

