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Dear Parents,

As you are aware the government made the decision to close schools until at least February half term. Please be reassured that we will support you as much as we can, as we did before.

Remote learning:

On the school website under Parents, Home Learning, you will find our school's Remote Education Offer. Please read this as it will inform you of what to expect. During a national lockdown teachers will be in school providing face to face teaching to key worker and vulnerable children as well as planning, designing, filming and responding to home learning, so we ask you to please be patient as we are working hard to meet lots of people's differing needs. Teachers also have their own families.

Teachers will provide daily Literacy and Numeracy learning tasks as well as foundation subjects. We are mindful that many of you are juggling working from home and supporting your child/children's learning. For this reason it is not practical to provide live streamed lessons as most parents need to dip in and out of the learning tasks to work around their work life. In addition to this teachers are providing face to face teaching of more than one year group during the day.

Home learning will take the form of recorded teacher videos, written instructions, guided worksheets and links to professional websites. Key worker and vulnerable children attending school will be taught exactly the same content as the remote learning pack.

How to access remote learning:

Home learning will be accessed through the school website and Tapestry for years R and 1. Click on Parents on the menu and then Home Learning on the drop down bar. Each year group has a bubble for you to click on. Every year group has links to online safety, BBC Bitesize, Oxford Owl, The National Oak Academy and Top Mark Maths. You will then find weekly home learning. Click on this to access the instructions, worksheets, videos and links set by the class teacher. Learning can be emailed to the class teacher or shared on Tapestry for Years R & 1.

Technical concerns:

If you do not have access to a device then please contact admin@layston.herts.sch.uk and we will be in touch. Paper copies of the learning can also be requested via this email address. If this is the case then please let us know as soon as possible.





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Communication:

Teachers will be phoning families of children working from home within the first three weeks to touch base and offer support. Please feel free to email staff with any queries.

Safeguarding and well-being:

Please continue to build safe habits when your child is using online tools - remind them to share their online learning with you. Please also remember the importance of keeping them active and moving around, playing board games and connecting as a family during these uncertain times.

There is advice on the school website for supporting children with anxiety. Please look under 'Our School' and 'Wellbeing and Positive Mental Health'. The following websites are also useful.

- NSPCC/O2 helpline 0808 800 5002 9am -7pm
- Change for Life Activities: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities>
- www.internetmatters.org (including advice by age group)
- www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers (including advice on parent controls)
- www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre (including safety tools on social networks)
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/share-aware.pdf>

I would like to thank our staff for their continued dedication, professionalism and commitment during this time. I would also like to thank you for continuing to support our efforts and also remind everyone to keep safe and stay at home as much as possible, adhering to the government's advice. You can only do your best and your best is good enough.

Kind regards,

Adele McMurrough
Headteacher