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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from the recent Government announcements and planning today, I wanted to outline how the home learning will be delivered over the next two weeks.

Our main aim is to support learning with high quality videos and then set work that the children can complete at their own level. This may be through resources that link to the learning objectives we would be teaching your children if the school were open, or through pre-recorded videos that the teachers have created. We will not be offering live lessons. We still have concerns about safeguarding as we can't control what your child may see on another child's camera. We also know that most families don't have one device per child, which makes all children being able to access live lessons at the same time very difficult for families. With the pre-recorded videos, the children have the option to undertake the lessons during the day when it is practical for you and your family. They can also re-watch the videos if they are unsure about something. This, we feel, gives families a good amount of flexibility with their children's learning.

The teachers will provide the lessons and work roughly following the timetable the children would have in school. This ensures that they have the best chances to maintain their progression in all subjects. There will be a welcome video from their teacher each day, an assembly and then a timetable of activities. They will be able to complete the activities and then submit them for feedback.

All of the activities will go live on Google Classroom at 7A.M. and must be submitted on that day for feedback. **Feedback will be given the following day.** As we have a number of children that require the in-school provision, we will have some teachers in school each day. Therefore, it may not always be your child's teacher who provides the feedback, it may be one of the other members of staff from the year group.

We know that most of our children have accessed Google Classroom to complete their homework during the last term. If you are unsure of how to access this, please follow this link to see a 'How to guide' on our website:
<https://www.emersonvalley.org.uk/google-classroom-home-learning/>

If your child can't remember their log in for Google Classroom, it is:
Their Purple Mash login and then @emersonvalley.org.uk (e.g. imort@emersonvalley.org.uk)
Their password is their Purple Mash password.

For those children who can't access a device, require a paper pack or if you have any questions about the system and how to use it, please email: it@emersonvalley.org.uk

Thank you for your support with this. We hope that we can soon have all children safely back in school.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Mortimer
Assistant Headteacher