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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from our last email, here is an update for those families who will now be working from home over the next few weeks.

We appreciate this is not an ideal situation, especially if you are trying to balance home schooling with working from home. We want all children back in school when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we wanted to provide you with some key information.

It is imperative your child/ren do access learning everyday while they are not in school, but remember, you are not expected to be teachers and your children should not sit in front of a screen or at a desk from 9am – 3.30pm. Allow breaks, playing and quiet time – reading a book or playing a game can be just as valuable.

Please read the information points carefully:

- Remote learning will be available from 9am on Tuesday 5th January.
- Please log in to the Itslearning portal from 9am each day to see the new learning posted by the year group class teachers.
- Each day, the staff will upload a daily video explaining the learning for the day including maths, reading, writing and one other task.
- Staff will be online during the school day but will not respond to learning after 4.30pm. Therefore it is important that assignments are uploaded **before 3.15pm**. Please be mindful that staff will also be working in school with critical worker and vulnerable children, so may not be able to respond immediately.
- After this period of school closure, if your child would like to bring in learning they have done at home they can do so. There will be an 'Isolation Box' in every classroom for this learning to be stored in for 72 hours. The teacher will not mark this learning but it can be shared/discussed in class.

Technical Support

A technical support email has been set up for parents/carers. If you are unable to access the learning portal, you have forgotten your username/password or are unable to upload work, please email support@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk and we will do all we can to support you. Please do not email class teachers with a technical issue.

Please Note: school will not be able to help you with any problems linked to your hardware or internet connection: this is only linked to problems that may occur with Itslearning.

Communicating with us

Whilst school is closed, we want to ensure you can keep in touch with us. If you need to contact your child's class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk. Please do not email teachers directly as they could be teaching or be unwell. We will aim to respond as soon as we can.

Safeguarding

While school is closed, should you have a safeguarding concern about a child, please call Lewisham Social Care on 0208 314 8666, or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

We understand that for many children, this is a worrying and unsettling time. Should a child wish to speak confidentially to someone who can help, the free Childline number is 0800 1111 (www.childline.org.uk)

Updates

If there are any changes or updates in guidance from the government regarding school closure we will of course get in touch with you by our school website, email or text message.

Every child has the right to an education and, although they will not be at school, it is important that their learning carries on every day with your support. Although we will not expect the learning we have set to be handed in to the teacher, we encourage the children to do their very best.

Thank you as always for your continued support during this time.

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