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Dear parent/carer,

As we start a new period of home learning I wanted to explain to you how we will continue to support and provide your child/children with home learning.

Home Learning/Live Lessons

We understand that many households may be sharing a computer as adults and children may be working from home, and we appreciate that any flexibility we can build in so that this precious resource can be shared more effectively may help. Therefore, teachers will be uploading work weekly to FROG rather than working to different patterns and work will be uploaded in time for when pupil's login on a Monday morning. This is intended to support you in two ways:

1. Firstly, that parents and pupils can see the whole week's expectation from school at one point at the beginning of the week. We hope that this will allow families to plan who is using the computer and when and so avoid 'bottlenecks'.
2. Secondly, whilst we want to pupils to be responsible and demonstrate a good work ethic, we don't want them to feel overawed by the amount of work they are set. By ensuring the week's work is clear to them on Monday morning, they can think about how to structure their time to maximise their opportunities for independent learning without feeling burdened by it.

The activity will represent your child's timetable but does not have to be completed to that schedule. These learning tasks will remain on FROG until the following Sunday when they will be replaced/updated with the next week's work. We are working on the basis that it is better to put slightly too much work up there rather than too little, as lockdown days can be long.

Teachers are working to make learning activities accessible, but we know that it is much more difficult without your class teacher there to offer support, clarification and reassurance. Therefore, in order to support pupils further we will also be running a timetable of 'Live Lessons' starting on Wednesday 6th January, the timetable of which is attached to this letter and we will distribute guidance on accessing Live lessons from home. Staff will provide a link to 'Zoom' in advance of the timetable lesson and this will be distributed to pupils via their FROG account. Please be aware that it may not be your child's usual teacher who delivers the live lesson.

These lessons will be recorded and we ask that pupils arrive promptly. We will also ask that pupils have their camera and microphone switched off. All live lessons will last 30 minutes.

We appreciate how difficult home learning can be, but hope that the approach we are adopting will allow us to continue to educate and support as best we can. As has been the case throughout this pandemic, we will constantly review our approaches to home learning and amend if necessary to ensure the best support our pupils

Kind Regards

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