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Dear Parents/Carers,

This weekend we saw the sunshine and hopefully this brightened our moods significantly, it definitely did for me. I do hope that you and your loved ones are all fit and healthy. I can only begin to imagine the disruption that the school closure is causing and I suspect that this will probably continue for a while. It is for this reason, that I write with an update for you all about what we have been doing and what we are expecting of all of the children from next week.

I am very pleased to report that over the last two weeks over 70 families have benefited from the school hamper service. We have provided families of children who normally have free school meals with all the provisions that they might need to feed the children their lunch for the week. This has been a great success and I would like to thank all of those who have worked so hard to make it happen.

We have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that we are still providing learning opportunities that are realistic and hopefully manageable for all families. Originally, we provided all children with a pack of work designed to last approximately 3 weeks. This work will now be inevitably running out.

All teachers are now being asked to set daily tasks on Mathletics and Purple Mash. This may initially present some levels of challenge and we appreciate that there might be a few small problems so we would appreciate your patience. The Phase Leaders, Mr Barker, Miss Hibbett and Mr Wicks, have worked tirelessly to provide us all with the information that we need to use these platforms effectively. If you do experience any issues, please email chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk or contact the school office for further support.

The work set should take no longer than approximately 90 minutes. This can be split up or all done in one go. The reason for 90 minutes is many families have more than one child and therefore to support the children you may need to split the day.

In previous years, online learning has only been available to children in Years 1 to 6. We are currently setting up 'Mini Mash' accounts for children in the Foundation Stage but this is only for the duration of the school closure and will not be done for Mathletics. Full instructions on how to use the site, username and login details, will be sent out to Foundation Stage parents next week.

Unfortunately, all of this online learning doesn't allow the children to put pencil to paper so if you wish for your child to do any additional writing activities then please feel free to do so in the exercise book that you already have.

Currently the children are supposed to be enjoying the school holidays, so they are not expected to be doing work this week although, we are still setting it for those who like the routine. However, please note, all work set from the 20th April is statutory and **all children must complete the work set** from that date. If you expect this to be a problem, please do let us know because if there is any way that we can help we will try our best to do so.



Again it is very pleasing that we have been able to support some families by loaning them one of the school's Ipads to enable their children to complete the work set. However, please be aware of your child's online, social media and gaming activity and be very conscious of allowing too much screen time.

The work that we are setting is very much centred around reading, writing and maths but I encourage you to get creative and let the children draw, paint, cook and take the opportunity to learn lots of real life skills during this extended time at home.

Kind regards and good health to everyone.

Mr Jeffery
Headteacher

