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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now two weeks into the national lockdown and home learning arrangement for most pupils. Senior Leaders in school have spent this week reviewing the way that we are currently delivering remote learning to those children who are unable to be in school at the moment.

We have so far been able to provide 24 families across the school with laptops to support being able to access learning from home. Many families have also been collecting paper learning packs to support their children.

Teachers will continue to upload the weekly timetable to DB Primary on a Friday each week. This will be the timetable for the following week and will link to Oak National Academy. This is the DfE recommended learning platform.

From Monday 18th January, teachers in every class will also be adding power point presentations or videos which are voiced by the class teacher and link directly to the medium term plans that the children would be working to if school were open as usual. We hope that the opportunity for children to hear their teacher's voice will prove popular and successful in engaging the children in their learning.

These power point presentations will be uploaded to your child's DB Primary class pages for you to access.

Teachers in the early year classes will also be providing story reading videos for the children to listen to which we hope they will really enjoy!

Class Teachers will continue to provide feedback to the children's work that is uploaded to DB as well as continuing to make weekly welfare calls. These calls are to provide you with support with home learning should you require it and feedback from parents has been very positive about these.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our school staff for the huge amount of work that they are putting in at this current time. There is a lot of negative attention in some media outlets at the moment about school staff. Our teachers are currently making weekly calls to every child in their class, are available on DB Primary for 4 hours every day to support children and parents, are planning home learning tasks and providing feedback and many of them are also working with key worker and vulnerable groups in school every day. I know that they are putting in more hours now than ever before and this should be recognized and commended, and I'm sure you will join me in thanking them also.

Kind regards,

Mrs Carrier
Head Teacher

