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Dear Parents

We are now into week 2 of the lockdown and many of you are getting into a pattern of learning at home or a combination of learning at home and some learning at school. You have done a fantastic job of adapting so quickly and your home learning has been amazing!

We have been working hard to put things in place for all children both in school and those working remotely from home.

The learning at home and at school is the same so that children can all follow the same lessons. This is particularly helpful for children of critical workers who are in school on some days and learning at home on others.

Weekly learning

We will be sending you the home learning access information every week. We will email this information and it is also available on our website.

We will also have some additional resources available for you use such as key word cards, number cards that you may find useful.

The guidelines for infant age children is that they should engage in learning activities for 3 hours a day, but this should also include some physical activities. If you are able please make sure your child has some access to outside.

Thank you for such a positive response to the daily ZOOM learning sessions. We know the children have really enjoyed speaking with their teacher and seeing their friends. The class teacher will be ZOOM every morning and every afternoon. We are looking at expanding this over the next few weeks.

The class ID and password are the same for every session

We do have some additional paper resources available and any stationary items you may need. These are available from the school office but please think about if this is an essential journey you need to make.

Please keep up to date using 'twitter' as we will be posting snippets on there and you can reply with the learning you are doing at home! @woolstoninfant

We know that it is difficult for some people to access the online materials. Our ZOOM sessions can be easily accessed using a phone. You can use your games consoles to access the internet. So this information may be useful for some parents.

Xbox online learning

- Power on your Xbox and wait for the home screen to become visible.
- (Optional) Plug a keyboard into the Xbox's USB slot.
- Hit the glowing Xbox logo button in the centre of the controller and select "My Games and Apps".
- Find and select "Microsoft Edge".

- Use the browser to type in the web address of your school's online learning platform.

PlayStation 4 online learning

- Power on your PlayStation and wait for the home screen to become visible.
- Head to the content area – the horizontal row of large icons used to launch games and applications.
- Scroll to the right until you come across the Internet Browser (a www icon with dots around it) and select it.
- Use the browser to type in the web address of your school's online learning platform.

Some parents have been anxious that the children can't concentrate as well at home as they do at school – this is completely understandable! We do not want children (or parents!) to become anxious or worried you are all doing your best and supporting your children in so many ways. The fact that you are there to care for them, talk with them, and helping them to access learning is amazing.

Critical Workers

Please can you email us by 12pm each Thursday, at the latest so that we have numbers for the following week.

info@woolstoninfantschool.co.uk

Please **only** use this provision on the days you are working. It is important that we minimise the number of contacts on site and avoid making unnecessary journeys in our community.

Benefit Related Free School Meals

As per the Government guidelines, we are providing food boxes to everyone entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals. These will be delivered to your home by City Catering, our school meal provider. We will also continue to run our food bank, but deliveries are not as regular at the moment.

If you think your circumstances may have changed, and you may be entitled to free school meals, please contact us and we can check your details.

We realise this is a difficult time for everyone in our community. The most important thing is that you all keep safe and well and do everything we can to support each other.

Yours Sincerely

Julie Swanston
Headteacher

