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Dear parents

A warm welcome and I hope you are surviving the dreaded home-learning (although it is only day 4)!!!

There is no denying that home-learning suits some children, but for the majority it is no substitute for being in school, mixing with peers and learning in the classroom environment. We'd certainly rather have it that way.

We can all only do our best. We appreciate that it is likely you have many things going on at home, not least holding down a job, caring for elderly relatives whilst persuading Jonny to get his times tables done. Our staff wants to be able to support you as much as they can, though many of them too are juggling a few plates.

This time DENI has put more responsibility on schools to ensure home-learning engagement from parents. We would ask, therefore, that you please try to submit at least the minimum work requested by the class teacher. We have to use attendance codes which indicate that the pupil has evidenced home learning. If you are having any difficulty with this, please just get in touch with the teacher.

We listened to your difficulties in lockdown 1, the most common was 'printing'. To this end we will provide paper packs, available in most instances for collection every fortnight. The next pack will be distributed on **Friday 15 January 9.30 - 10.30 am**. Arrangements for collections henceforth is as follows:

P1	On tables under the archway into P1 play area
P2	On tables in area outside P2 classroom
SCU1, P3, P4 & SCU2	On tables under archway towards the main door
P5-P7	On tables in area outside KS2 doors

Named packs will be left on tables on an unmanned, self-service basis. Anything to be returned to school - books, work, etc. can be left back on the table. P1-P4 pupils will be provided with reading books and we really need these returned each fortnight or we'll have no books left!

You are welcome to collect packs for friends, neighbours etc. as it will lessen the footfall around the school. We would ask that you try to manage collection between the allocated times as our on-site pupils will be using the outdoor areas from 10.40 am onwards.

Staff will be covering supervised learning for our key workers' pupils and vulnerable children in school on a rota basis. Teachers will let you know when they are in as they will not be as easily contactable via Dojo/Seesaw on this day.

Please be aware that teaching staff will be working a normal school day and will respond to messages between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm Monday to Friday. If you need to contact the school urgently, please phone the office on 028 90812918 or email bpreston628@c2kni.net.

The current rate of spread of Covid-19 is very alarming, those of us who can stay at home absolutely should. It is the safest place to be at the moment.

Look after your yourselves and your lovely children and we'll hopefully see everyone safe and well in a few weeks.

Yours sincerely

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