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Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, we find ourselves in a very strange situation and all of us are having to adjust to a new way of living and working. For us, at Beccles Primary, this means teaching remotely and for you and your children, it means learning remotely. This is no small task at all, and we do understand the pressures that many families are facing trying to access and achieve this.

Hopefully, this letter and attachments will be able to support you and reassure you that we are here to help if we can!

Remote Learning

Our remote learning plan has been made with our pupils and their families in mind. We believe that this strategy will work best for the children at our school.

Please see the attached Document 1 – ***Remote Education: Information for Parents***

SeeSaw

As a school, we are providing online learning through **SEESAW** as our Digital Learning Platform.

A link is attached to give you an overview of this : **Intro Video: [What is Seesaw? For Families](#)** and please see Document 2 – ***Frequently Asked Questions for Families***

What you will need at home

For children to learn effectively at home you may find the following advice helpful:

- As the lessons and resources are available online, children will need a device that can access the internet, such as a laptop, desktop computer or tablet. If you need support with devices or accessing the internet, please contact the school office.
- For some activities, children will need paper, pens or pencils to record their answers. We can supply these resources to you – please let us know if you need them.
- Consider your children's home learning environment. Have they got a quiet space where they can work without interruption?

What we expect from your child

It is important that your child engages with home learning and completes the tasks that have been set. These are outlined in the document – ***Remote Education: Information for Parents***

If they are not engaging with the learning, we will make an initial phone call home to discuss how we could provide additional support if needed.

What you can do to help

We appreciate that this does present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time.

Younger children, in particular, may need support in accessing online materials and staying focused with their remote learning. We ask that you help them as much as you can.

At the same time, we do not expect you to watch your child all day, and we would not expect parents/carers to get involved in remote lessons in place of our teachers. But it would be really helpful if you can take an active role in your child's learning by asking them about their day and what they have learned.

Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to their timetable.
- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends and make it clear when the school day is over, to separate home and school life.
- Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active.

Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you are having any difficulties with remote learning, or if you have any questions. Please leave a message with the school office and a member of staff will contact you back.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Heather Thorne

Headteacher