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Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing to you today to say a huge thank you for all your continued support in ensuring that your children are learning. We really do appreciate your efforts in ensuring that your child is completing their learning and attending Google Meet sessions. For some of you we know that this can mean supporting your children with a variety of different Google Meets throughout the day and that for some families this is a logistical challenge in itself. Please rest assured that we know that you are all trying your best to support your children and do not forget to contact us if you have any problems or queries about the remote learning or key worker provision.

Over the coming weeks, we will be refining our remote teaching and working hard to continue to adapt and change the provision in line with feedback from the school community. We can not thank you all enough for pushing yourselves out of your comfort zones and working tirelessly alongside school to ensure that your child engages with their learning. For those of you unable to access the Google Meet sessions, the home learning plan is on the school website and it is helpful if you continue to complete the learning from each day from this plan if you can. However, we would prefer to have your child join us on Google Meet live sessions where they can have the contact with the class teacher and the class. If you are unable to access the live sessions and the internet option with recorded videos it is essential that you contact school for further support with how you child can access their learning in a different way.

The DFE recommendation for learning for children in Primary schools is 3 hours for children in EYFS and KS1 and 4 hours for children in KS2. The school also has a duty of care to the children to follow up the learning from each child working remotely and if you could send regular evidence of their learning to individual teachers it would be helpful as the teachers will then be able to feedback and provide further guidance and support where necessary. The teachers email addresses are all on the webpages and if you have any problems with sharing the child's learning let us know and we are more than happy to discuss ways in which learning can be shared. The sharing of the work produced in sessions is important to keep children motivated and progressing in addition to providing opportunities for the teachers to review and address misconceptions and errors the following sessions.

Ways In Which You Can Support Your Child Further Working Remotely

- **Try to ensure that your child has limited distractions around them (i.e., turn the television off or any other computer games) and ensure that your child is sat in a place that is suitable for working.**
- **Ensure that when your child accesses the Google Meet that they are on mute.**



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- **Discuss the use of the chat facility with your child. It is to answer the teacher during the sessions when they are asked a question and not for a conversation with their friends.**
- **Ensure that your children have regular breaks away from the screen and try to make sure that they take daily exercise outside.**

Children accessing the Keyworker Provision

- It is essential that your child completes the learning on the webpage when they are not in school. The learning that is being completed in school builds each day and it adds further challenge to sessions when children do not have an awareness of the previous days or weeks learning when they are in school.
- Please ensure that your child has the correct footwear on in school and is dressed appropriately for the wintry weather.

21 Minute Challenge

Miss Rothwell is continuing her drive to get children active and Britannia has joined the Rossendale School Sports Partnership 21 minute challenge. Each week, a full week of challenges will be set for children (and their families to have a go at) and these challenges will be uploaded to the schools webpage underneath the home learning tab (access 21 minute challenge). There is a challenge record sheet and these can be shared with us in school via j.rickerby@britannia.lancs.sch.uk . It would be also lovely to see some picture of your families getting active together. Photographs can also be sent to j.rickerby@britannia.lancs.sch.uk . There will be a medal presented for every child who completes all of the 21 minute challenge weeks. This activity should provide you with some welcome release and fun time in your house. Further information about the challenge can be found on the following link on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Rossendalessp> and if you wish you can join in posting for your child. During these difficult times, it is more important than ever to look after our mental and physical health and one way we can all do this is by getting active. Good Luck - I look forward to receiving your challenge sheets and photos.

Keep going everyone - we are climbing daily mountains but it will get easier and we do understand how hard it is for you at home.

I hope to see you all very soon.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Longstaff