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Dear Parents,

We come to the end of week two of our live lessons which on the whole continue to be a success. Thank you for your continued support it really is appreciated. We are all aware life isn't easy at the moment but you're doing your best and the children will benefit.

Small groups have started this week and many children have attended these sessions for support and further challenge. Please continue to look out for the messages so your child can log on at the right time on the right day.

Lots of pupils, both independently and with the support of their parents are really working hard. You can see from the celebration newsletter there are so many things to celebrate which is wonderful. As ever though, we want the best for all of our children so we continue to review how things are running and have noticed a couple of things which we will need parent support with:

- It would really help if the children can sit up somewhere appropriate with their device. Beds or sofas are not ideal because children tend to lounge.
- Ideally the child should be encouraged not to leave the session or their seat unless absolutely necessary.
- A drink of water is great to help concentration but can we ensure children do not consume food while on their live session.

We really appreciate that everyone is doing what they can and with that teachers are trying hard to replicate the classroom as much as possible. They will constantly remind the children about their behaviour while online so if you could reinforce the above points too that would be great.

In addition, many teachers are offering house-points or Dojo points for good effort which are great motivators so if you find your child struggling to concentrate a similar reward system could be set up at home, with a treat offered at the end of the week.

Mrs Murphy is also going to record a Zoom session for parents in the best ways to support your children at home. This will be made available for you all to access next week but if you have any points you would like covering then please email them to [comments@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:comments@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk) by Monday.

Finally, with regard to communication with teachers: this continues to be possible but can we suggest you do so during the working week and between the hours of 8am-4pm. Staff are constantly busy during this lockdown period and we would appreciate you being mindful of this and to only email them if absolutely necessary.

Keep praying for one another especially for those suffering through illness, loneliness or financial hardship and those separated from their loved ones.

Take care and God bless

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