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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and healthy. Once again, educating our children is very different to how anyone would like it to be. Our thoughts are with you all. We are doing everything we can to support you educating your children at home, whilst we are still educating children in school. I have received many emails thanking us for the support, which all of our staff really appreciate. So far we have introduced:

- Every class (year one to year 6) will have a 'live' session every day with either their class teacher, Mr Neary or Mrs McGrath (see timetable on school website)
- Mrs Sandon-Webb has produced packs for SEND children, so they access their learning at home
- Miss Ford 'live' dance sessions with Ash, Maple, Elm and Willow once a week
- Online work available on the class blogs
- Loaned out 26 devices (laptops and tablets)
- Video dance challenges in Rowan and Elm

During the Autumn Term we had the foresight of changing our curriculum and showing the children from year two to year six, how to access their Office 365 account, which includes Outlook, Word, PowerPoint and Teams. However, Teams is new to the children and fairly new to our teachers, therefore there will be some difficulties. I really appreciate all of your patience and humour when things do not go quite right. I am really grateful for the way the staff and children are being creative in embracing remote learning.

If you need books, paper, pencils etc. please email [slt@petworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:slt@petworthprimary.co.uk), and we will arrange this so you can collect it from the office.

In addition to all of the above, we are also working with UK Harvest (<https://www.ukharvest.org.uk/>) and have arranged for fresh fruit and vegetables for people in our community. This week we sent out 40 boxes of fruit and vegetables. We hope this will continue for the next few weeks.

We hope to receive the food parcels today from Chartwells for the Free School Meal children and once they are ready to collect the school office will let you know. I know Chartwells have worked hard to try and get these to us as quickly as possible.

As always, if you think we can help you please email me at [slt@petworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:slt@petworthprimary.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Galvin', written in a cursive style.

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