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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know by now, the Government has decided to close schools for the majority of children until at least February half-term. These continue to be troubling times for everyone for different reasons. However, it is imperative that we look out for each other and that the children continue to be educated in different aspects of the National Curriculum. Too much time has already been lost and it is now, more than ever, our combined responsibility to teach our children. Of course this will be difficult, but we all know the benefits that learning can have. Therefore, we have put in place the following to ensure the children have access to some work:

- The teachers will post new work on their class blogs, which can be found at [https://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/class\\_blogs\\_1/459343](https://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/class_blogs_1/459343).
- The work will be mainly consolidating the children's previous learning and will be a mix from the whole National Curriculum. It will be a mix of videos, written work and online resources e.g. Spelling Shed, Times Tables Rockstars and NumBots.
- We have set up an email address for each class (only to be used whilst the school is closed) where the children can email the teacher if they have any questions regarding the work or if they want some extra work:
  - Oak Class – [oakclass@petworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:oakclass@petworthprimary.co.uk)
  - Ash Class – [ashclass@petworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:ashclass@petworthprimary.co.uk)
  - Rowan Class – [rowanclass@petworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:rowanclass@petworthprimary.co.uk)
  - Beech Class – [beechclass1@petworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:beechclass1@petworthprimary.co.uk)
  - Maple Class – [mapleclass@petworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:mapleclass@petworthprimary.co.uk)
  - Elm Class – [elm@petworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:elm@petworthprimary.co.uk)
  - Willow Explorers – [willowexplorers1@petworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:willowexplorers1@petworthprimary.co.uk)
  - Willow Investigators – [willowinvestigators1@petworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:willowinvestigators1@petworthprimary.co.uk)
- For any confidential issues e.g. safeguarding, food bank voucher, issues regarding your child's well-being, please email [slt@petworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:slt@petworthprimary.co.uk)
- Parents of Oak Class can upload photos of the children's work to Tapestry.
- Children can send their work via email to their teacher if they wish. I have asked the children to attach photos of any work they want to share.
- Due to the number of potential critical key workers attending our school, we will not be able to have a 'live' lesson per day. However, it is the teachers' intention that they will teach the children twice per week using either Teams or Zoom. The teachers will email the children with a link to access. A reminder will be sent from the office to the parents, in the hope that all of the children will access.

- The usual online platforms will also be available: TTrockstars (year 2-6), NumBots (year Reception to year 2), Prodigy (yr3-6) and ReadTheory (Yr5-6).
- Children in year two to year six have their Office 365 username and password, which allows them to access a variety of free software including Outlook (emails), Teams, Word, PowerPoint and Excel.
- If you need paper, books, pencils etc. or you need work printed, please let us know. We will let you know when these resources will be available for collection.

We fully understand that this is once again unsettling for children and adults.

You are all very much in our thoughts.

Yours sincerely,

From all the staff and governors from Petworth CofE Primary School