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Dear Parent/Carer,

Hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

Thank you to all those children who have been accessing our remote learning offer via the work packs and Microsoft Teams in Early Years and KS1 and on Microsoft Teams in KS2. Our staff have worked incredibly hard to deliver face to face teaching as well as offer remote learning. It has been so rewarding for the Oakdene team to see so many of you on there, engaging with your curriculum learning! We have been very impressed by the quality of much of the work too!

We understand that for some of you home learning has many challenges and we are sensitive to this. Different families will be tackling it in different ways and will be in very different circumstances. You can only do the best you can at this difficult time. We are here to support you as much as we can, so please talk to staff/share via the teacher email or when they 'check in' with you.

There are so many wonderful examples where parents/carers are juggling working from home and have created a routine which works for you –some of you have three or more young children and you 'can do attitude' has been amazing. **To reciprocate the appreciation teachers will be sending a 'Super Parent' Badge to say thanks for all of you who are engaging in regular home support. We hope this will put a smile on your faces and be a great boost.**

We have been able to 'check in' with all our families since the start of the lockdown each week. A small number of families do not 'keep in touch' each week/ send work/photos. We will continue to try and make contact either by phone or a doorstep visit next week if we do not hear from you. Even though we may be currently closed to some of our children, we still have responsibility to keep in touch with you – this is part of our safeguarding responsibility. Please keep in touch via Teams/teacher email we love seeing your photos of work, videos etc. If we do make a telephone call please pick up and let my staff know how things are going and how we can help.

The remote learning offer on Microsoft Teams is exactly what your child would be getting if they were in school, and staff are onsite every school day apart from their half day planning time. There are stories, teaching videos etc produced by our staff for different areas of the curriculum to bring home learning to life. Rosie our Lingotots teacher has also pre-recorded Spanish, French and German lessons.

It is really important that as much as you are able, you ensure that your child is accessing some of this offer each day. None of us know how long this lockdown will go on for and if your child/ren are not currently accessing any of their learning along with everyone else, there is a huge risk they will fall behind. The minority of children who are currently not engaging with learning will lose confidence and will be further behind their peers if they don't access learning in the home.

The teaching videos and activities can be accessed at any time of the day. Our staff will provide verbal and / or written feedback and can answer and help any child should they get stuck.

Remember we are still open and all staff are in every day, so if you need to speak to any of us please contact the main office by phone 01642 560768.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Bramley
Executive Head Teacher

