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Good morning parents/carers,

Thought for today: It always seems impossible until it is done!

A few updates to share with you as I am aware there has been little since the start of the week.

### Devices

We have distributed nearly all of our devices, we have a handful of Chrome books left and a few iPads for EYFS. We are conscious of being able to facilitate learning, on a suitable device, for as many of our children as possible. We would invite you to email us if your child is accessing learning through a mobile phone as we may be able to facilitate a more suitable device. If demand outweighs our current supply capabilities then we will again think creatively about how we can help. We would also invite you to email us if you have multiple children accessing one device.

As an additional note, for those children who have a PS4 or Xbox, Seesaw can be viewed on these devices through the internet function. However, children will be unable to respond to their learning through the platform.

### Learning

We have spent the majority of this week monitoring and developing our current remote learning offer/provision. We have moved quickly with this bearing in mind that it has been in place for little over a week.

We have remapped our timetables (Attached below) and expectation of content which has been shared with staff. We have prioritised the core subjects with our own staff who will be teaching these lessons. Added to that, we have scheduled lessons of the Foundation Subjects e.g. History, Geog, RE to be released for afternoon sessions from the National Oak Academy. These sessions are of excellent quality and will enable our children a real breadth of experience when learning from home. Equally, for those families with more than one child in our school, some of these sessions can be shared between children across year groups.

### Zoom

This has been a real success since the start of the week. Most year groups have commented that over half of the year group have been attending, we would love to welcome more children to these sessions.

### myON (Years 2-6)

A reminder to ask your children to log in to myON. It is great to see so many children have already accessed it. We would remind you that children need to complete a Star Test once they have linked their account. This is done in Accelerated Reader. The questions, in the first instance, may be too difficult. This is meant to be the case. If children can not answer the question they need to allow it to time out and wait for the next question. Questions will gradually get easier until the system recognises a correct answer. This is how it gauges the level of your child's ability. Please let them complete it independently.

### Seesaw Family Years 1 - 6

As we develop further our provision, we are now at a point to be able to share with you 'Seesaw Families'.

Your child has been accessing and responding to learning through Seesaw. Seesaw Families will allow you to sign up as parents and view your child/ren's learning. When there are new posts or messages, you'll be notified and can see what's new! Your child's Seesaw account is private, you'll only see posts created by your child/ren.

Look out for a further email later today with a link to sign up. Once we have authorised the link account you will then be able to see the journal and interact with your child/ren's class teacher directly.

Please be advised that the same rules apply as for children. Staff will only be expected to respond in working hours and not at weekends. If you message after 4.00pm in the weekday or at the weekend, the response may come the following day or following Monday. Any issues that can't be resolved by the class teachers can still be emailed to [info@parkgate.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:info@parkgate.coventry.sch.uk).

### Support videos

We have a range of support videos available online. If you feel that we need to add anything more due to issues you have experienced at home, please let us know.

### Free School Meals

We are awaiting our next batch of vouchers as the Government has been slow in giving direction. These will definitely be distributed tomorrow. It may be that next week we are able to move back to the Edenred voucher scheme facilitated by the Government as for the first lockdown.

I think that is about it so far. Will be in touch with Seesaw Family links later today and another update when there is more to share.