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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to outline the school's procedures for remote learning, which is to take place until at least Friday 12th February. The school will be using a similar model to last time, holding onto the successes, and have made a few slight adjustments based upon parent feedback. This model will commence on Monday 11th January, with the next few days looking slightly different in each class, depending on what is required for that year group.

In Early Years at St Andrew's, continuous provision is used to support children's learning, and this is something that we want to help facilitate in a home environment. The purpose of an effective continuous provision is to offer children a constant environment that is safe for them to explore whilst challenging their learning. It should allow children the freedom to explore and become independent in making choices.

To help this style of learning to continue at home we will be setting up a **weekly** - 'Selection Box Style' - learning activities pack, to align with the rest of the school. We hoped that this would be useful as it allows multiple pupil households to have a similar structure to their learning, which could allow older siblings to support EY pupils if needed. This style of learning will also allow the children freedom to explore and the ability to learn as independently as possible whilst they are at home. The selection box is broken down into the Key Areas of Learning for Early Years and contains a range of activities. Again, this allows pupils more choice, whilst still ensuring they cover the full range of Early Learning Goals.

The expectation is for the children to complete their learning as independently as possible. To support this **we are not expecting daily uploads of pictures or completed activities** to be sent in to Miss Maragkakakis. However, each day your child/you should email/post on Tapestry to her outlining how they found the learning, and which selection box activities they have completed. A **weekly post/upload containing images** is a simpler way of communicating about the learning, as we have had feedback that daily uploads were sometimes a more time consuming part of the process last time (but both methods are acceptable). Your child should log on to Tapestry each morning and check their email and their class page for any new messages that they might have received. Your child is also free to contact their class teacher throughout the school day if they need further support or guidance with any of the learning that has been set.

If you wish to discuss any welfare issues involving your child, please do contact your class teacher, using your email if it is appropriate and is something that you would like to discuss solely with the class teacher, rather than with your child reading the message.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, and look forward to hearing from the children about their learning over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Keith Birbeck
Assistant Headteacher

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