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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

As a new year begins, we look forward to a better and brighter 2021, but for now, we find ourselves back in the world of distance learning. Whilst we have been here before, it stills feels like a daunting time for children, families and staff alike.

Please know that the core team: myself and the management team, office staff, cleaning and janitorial staff are here full time, to support the children and you. The staff are also on a rota to run our hub for children of keyworkers. You can contact us with questions or issues or suggestions, to which we will respond as soon as possible.

We are all aware of the challenges our children and families face, as many of our staff are parents themselves, and will therefore also be juggling the demands of teaching remotely, whilst supporting the learning of their own children. There are many competing demands at this difficult time, but please be assured that our team will do everything we can to support your child.

We understand that not all children have constant access to devices and therefore cannot be in their Google Classroom from 9am to 3pm every day; we are currently working on identifying and providing as many devices as we can to those who need them most. Please remember that learning can take place through everyday activities including play and general family life, such as food preparation, cooking and baking, making lists, drawing and artwork, junk building, organising family life, television programmes, radio, reading of any kind, family board games, family quizzes and fun number and memory games, gardening (in better weather!), lego building, chess, jigsaws, imaginative play and many more. The most important aspect in all of this, is time to talk and to remember to look after our mental and physical health and wellbeing; there are many programmes and resources such as Joe Wicks and Oti Mabuse in addition to a wealth on YouTube. Brediland will making a daily wellbeing post on twitter, which I hope you will join in and enjoy.

I recommend the following website, which provides advice and guidance from Education Scotland to parents and carers: <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/covid19/>

By now, all children should have a learning pack, put together by their class teacher and delivered last week, to supplement online learning and all the other activities you may be choosing to do. Each Google Classroom is different, so please refer to the instructions that came with the pack and the daily instructions from the class teacher.

I would like to thank the whole staff team for the very quick turnaround last week, to create and deliver learning packs to children – some of our staff worked on their days off and also through the weekend to complete this operation – what a team!

You all did an outstanding job of home and distance learning the last time, so I know we can do this!

Come on Team Brediland!!! It won't be long until we are looking back on these days as a distant memory!

Please keep up to date via our school app, twitter, texts and emails and contact us by phoning or emailing via the school office.

Yours sincerely

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