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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you are managing during what is an extremely challenging and uncertain time for many. Please find below some updates on how we will continue to work with you to support your children.

Home Learning

Your child will now have completed day 3 of their home learning. We have had lots of work being sent in to teachers and lots of words of thanks from parents. Thank you - this means a great deal.

A reminder that, along with their packs, teachers are setting work weekly via email and in the shared area. You will also be able to see this on the **INSIGHT** app (guidance, if you have not set this up, is available on our website). Teachers are logging in to school emails and on-line forums to support your children and give them feedback.

Many of you will by now have started to establish a routine. It can include a work-out with Joe Wicks (Mr Bryce has sent the link). If you would like any tips or a blank timetable to help structure each day, we have put some information on our website: www.pcs.hants.sch.uk Select: **Parent Home Learning**

If you need any help with the home learning then please email your child's teacher in the first instance.

Communication

During this period we will continue to use **email** and when urgent **text** to communicate with you. It is very important that, wherever possible, we have an up-to-date email address and phone number. Please contact us at info@pcs.hants.sch.uk if this needs to be updated or you may not be receiving our communications. Most parents already have the **INSIGHT** app. You can update contact details yourself on this. If not please download it and, if you do not have a copy of your user name and password, email info@pcs.hants.sch.uk stating your name, address and your child's name. These can then be sent to you again.

We also post our letters on the school website and Facebook.

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It is important to focus on the positives. We have really appreciated pictures of students working at home and some great work from students that has been emailed to teachers. To keep sharing these things and help us support each other, we will be doing the following:

1. Weekly competitions for subjects.

Every week we will launch two subject competitions open to students in all years. They will require creativity and demonstration of fantastic skills in the subject. We will choose a winner from each year group every week and award vouchers as prizes. Look out for more information on Facebook and the school website.

2. Working together to celebrate learning

We would like to share examples of work completed and also pictures of your children (and you!) learning together. If you are willing to share these, please email your pictures to g.harris@pcs.hants.sch.uk and we will post on our Facebook page. Hopefully it will help motivate everyone and keep us working together. Please only send pictures you are happy for us to share.

3. Pen-Pals for the elderly

Students have been discussing their concern for those who live alone or in care homes and are self-isolating. We know it may be especially lonely for them. So, we would like to set up some pen-pals. Initially, children of key workers who are currently coming into school will be paired up as pen-pals. They will be given a writing set, stamps and some guidance to start the letter writing. Please email c.mcintosh@pcs.hants.sch.uk If you know of anyone who would benefit from a weekly letter and well wishes.

Free School Meals

A reminder that this week these can be collected from outside reception each day at 12.30pm. Students can collect for more than one day at a time to reduce unnecessary time outside. Whilst we await a potential government voucher scheme for Free School Meals, we are busy organising our own. We hope to have this in place for next week.

Finally, we would like to send you all our best wishes. Stay safe and contact us if you need to.

Yours sincerely

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