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Dear parents and carers,

Well here we are at the start of week 3 of Lockdown 3. I think I can safely say we are all settling once again into remote learning and getting used to yet another new routine.

I am hugely proud of our whole school community as we work together. There have been challenges for all around remote learning, accessing the tech and getting the tech to do what we want. We have received so many messages with parents offering support, encouragement, thanks or practical tips. Our external IT support has been working hard to sort out the glitches and the team have been working equally hard to ensure everything they have planned is accessible to all. Likewise, you have all dealt with everything so well and adapted yet again. I have spoken to so many of you in recent weeks as you try to work out if you're doing enough/not enough, juggle other siblings, work and other commitments. I hope the message you have taken away is you are doing a great job and each parents situation and idea of remote learning is different, and that's okay! There will be better days than others, some days you will think you are getting lots done and everyone is buzzing and other days you will wonder what went wrong!

I am aware the first google meet of this lockdown went well (although I know not everyone could attend). The teachers enjoyed seeing their children's smiley faces and I am sure the children enjoyed seeing other classmates too. Hopefully more people will be able to join this week – teachers will provide details of how to join later this week.

### **Parents on site**

We have fewer children and families on the main site so social distancing is much easier, however some of the routes to school can make this more difficult. With that in mind can I please ask everyone to wear a face mask for this short period of time. It makes everyone feel a little safer at this time.

## Paper Packs

Could I please ask for your continued support with the collection of paper packs. Our photocopier is not the fastest, and as more people begin to request one, we do need the whole of Monday morning to ensure all the packs are ready. **Please only collect packs after 1pm on a Monday**, this will ensure you can collect packs for all of your children at the same time and not have to make unnecessary journeys.

## Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

The government voucher scheme is now available again. It launched today, but they are staggering access to the site to ensure it does not crash as it has done in the past. I suspected there may be some issues due to past experience, so I have organised food boxes to be collected today for this week, with the vouchers starting next week. These will work in exactly the same way as before with the codes emailed directly to you.

## Contact

As school is still open we will still be undertaking our safeguarding duties in this time. At the moment that means contact with all families who are not accessing on site learning. Please ensure we have the most up to date contact information for you. We just need a quick catch up to see how you are getting on and see if we can help with anything. Please do be aware if we are not able to get hold of you for a sustained period of time, we may need to pop out to visit, and ensure you are okay.

All children should engage with the remote learning, if you have any difficulties with this, please email [secretary@st-ives-inf.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-ives-inf.cornwall.sch.uk)

Finally, if you are finding things difficult or just need a chat, then please do reach out to us. Myself or Miss Lewis can lend a listening ear or signpost you elsewhere if appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Leisa Farrar

Headteacher