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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we approach the end of our first week of home schooling, I would like to say a huge thank you and well done for all of your efforts this week. A further national lockdown was something that we all hoped would not again be necessary, yet, we find ourselves there once again.

The school announcement that we would once again close, led to us working incredibly hard to provide our children with home learning with a very quick turnaround, and after taking into consideration outcomes and feedback from the last full lockdown, we have tried hard to make the lessons as engaging for the children as possible, offering a range of activities for a variety of subjects. The Government have issued guidance to schools that we are to provide a minimum of 3 hours work per day for those children in KS1 and 4 hours for KS2 and that we monitor the work that children are producing. It is also important that we acknowledge the children's hard work and efforts and that they receive the praise they deserve, which is why teachers are working hard to mark the children's work every day. Thank you to all of you who have been uploading work completed onto Class Dojo. The teachers have received such wonderful work! Can I please ask you make sure that this is completed daily by 4.00pm so that teachers can provide daily feedback, enabling us to monitor your child's learning. If you are having difficulty doing this, please contact your child's class teacher and they will be able to support you.

We are already in the process of creating learning packs for the last 4 weeks of term and for those of you who will need a paper copy, these will be ready to collect on Thursday 14th January from 1-3pm. Can I please ask that you email the school to request a copy (admin.stcedds@dcvst.org) so that we know how many to prepare. Packs will be uploaded onto Class Dojo and on the class pages of the school website.

During the second week of the new pack, we will be introducing a daily Live reading lesson with your child's class teacher via Teams, for 30 minutes each morning. For those of you who are unsure, there will be a guide within the pack to show you how to set up and log onto Teams alongside your child's login details. This will be a lovely opportunity for your child to see both their teacher and their friends so please do try to log your child onto these lessons. With such minimal social interaction currently, I am sure it will be something for the children to look forward to each day. The first week of the new pack will continue to offer daily reading comprehension tasks, allowing everyone the chance to set up Teams and be ready for the following week. The timetable for these lessons from Monday 25th January, will be:

9.00am- Pangolins

9.30am- Turtles

10.00am- Snow Leopards

10.30am- Siberian Tigers

The right to be safe. The right to learn. The right to respect.



As of next week, we will also be sending out Collective Worship videos for the children to watch. Monday's will be led by myself and Friday's will be led by Reverend Steven.

Can I also remind you, that we will be starting our weekly welfare texts from Monday 11th January. You will receive a text message from the school asking you to reply with a simple 'yes' to let us know that you are all ok. A message will be sent at 9.00am and again at 12.00pm for any who haven't responded. I will then make a telephone call to any parent who has not replied. Can I please ask that you help to make this as easy as possible by looking out for the text every Monday morning and replying swiftly.

Please do remember that we continue to be here to support both you and your children during this difficult time so do stay in touch via Class Dojo or school email.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely
Lyndsey Wood
Headteacher