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Dear Parent /Carer,

In response to the Prime Minister's announcement of a third National Lockdown, sadly we will only be open to vulnerable children and children of Critical Workers from Wednesday 6th January to Friday 12th February 2021. This means that a large number of our children will, once again be learning at home.

Since the return of all year groups in September 2020, it has been a Government requirement for schools to have an effective remote learning offer for children to access from home when self-isolating. For the next 3 days, your child can access Week 1's 'Initial Learning at Home' sheet for their Year Group that will give you our recommended learning activities for the rest of this week. These are a combination of online learning opportunities, ideas for practical activities, suggested projects from our Local Authority (Hampshire) and some written tasks from us. This learning is available on our website on the 'Learning from home during lockdown' page under the 'Our Learning' tab. This is a temporary measure to allow us time to develop our remote learning resources for the following five weeks and is the same as the learning that the children in school are receiving.

We will send you Week 2's 'Learning at Home' through our newly created Year Group email accounts rather than uploading files to the website. This will also provide parents with a means of contact and an opportunity for children to share their learning with their teacher. This will be the start of our Spring Term curriculum and the launch of our exciting new themes. We will be offering school exercise books for you to collect from school so that the children can record their learning throughout this half term. These will be available to collect from outside the school office between 9:00am and 4pm on Friday 8th January.

We are in the process of developing our use of Microsoft Teams as a tool to further support our remote learning for children at home. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for actions from Hampshire IT to enable to us to implement this fully with our new IT provider, but anticipate that this offer will be available before the end of January. We are looking forward to being able to communicate remotely, more effectively with all of our learners who are having to stay at home.

I am fully aware of the difficulties faced by so many of you, having to manage the demands of your own jobs alongside the challenges of family life. However, we ask that families do the best they can to support the continuation of their children's education in these challenging circumstances.

If we can offer any further guidance or support, please do not hesitate to contact us using the General Contact form on our website - <u>https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=222</u>. As always, we will keep you informed of any further updates or changes using our text messaging service and the school website.

I send you my very best wishes at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs J Allen Headteacher