

Dear parents / carers

17th January 2021

Happy New Year to you all!

Another National Lockdown is not something that any of us wanted, however it is crucial that we all play our part, support one another, and help take the pressure off the NHS. We are thinking of our Pakeman families and are doing everything we can to ensure we continue to support you as well as we can. In view of this, I wanted to update you on what is available to help you and your children:

- Weekly check in phone calls to offer support and share concerns/worries – The calls might come from a ‘no caller ID’ or ‘unknown number’
- Support with home issues (housing, finances and/or anxiety) – Please send Tracey or Emma a message on class dojo – or phone school and ask to be put in contact with Marcia
- Food vouchers sent to your email address if you are normally eligible for Free School Meals – If you are not eligible and need food please tell the person who phones you each week. We will look for support
- The use of class dojo for home learning to ensure that your children maintain high standards of education – if you are having issues accessing the home learning, please phone school and someone will support you
- Zoom meetings three times a week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) to ensure your children can see their peers and some of the staff from school – the zoom link is the same each time
- Sim cards with data to ensure you can join zoom meetings from your phone if you do not have a device – We only have a limited number of them so please contact school if you think that would be helpful
- Devices for your children to access Class dojo and online learning platforms – We only have a limited number of them so please contact school if you think that would be helpful
- We have reading books and age specific work available at school for you to pick up between 10am and 2pm if you would like to
- Key worker provision for children whose parents are working as critical workers
- A weekly newsletter sent via text and Class Dojo to maintain communication and celebrate the great work that you are doing with your children

I hope that the support we have put in place is helpful in these stressful times. All the staff at Pakeman are sending you good wishes and thinking of you. We look forward to seeing you on zoom and at school once it is safe for us all to return. The date currently set for primary school return is Monday 22nd February but this may change. We will keep you informed of any changes.

Thank you for your support and understanding,
Emma

