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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are safe and well. The end of this week marks half-way through this part of the Spring term. I know that this week is proving very difficult for lots of you with regards to home schooling. We do understand. Even teaching staff are finding teaching their own children difficult, which many are doing after a day in school.

I have had a significant number of parents now requesting places at school for their children. I have to follow government guidelines on this. Schools closed in order to reduce the transmission of the virus by reducing the number of contacts. We are only open to families who are critical workers or vulnerable. My main priority at the moment is to ensure that I keep pupils, their families and staff safe and I can only do this by limiting the number of children we have on site. This has been fully risk assessed.

Starting this week, we are offering more live learning sessions for children. This will include sessions for children who may be suffering from missing out on the structure that school can offer.

If you are struggling with home schooling, first of all remember that you need to do what is best for your family. If that means that you do some school work that has been set, but then go for a walk and miss the afternoon sessions then that is not a problem. We have lots of ways that we can support you with home schooling such as loaning of equipment such as headphones, provision of paper packs, 1:1 support for children and parents- just contact school and we can put these things in place.

There are other resources that you may choose to use if you prefer, such as watching the BBC learning programs.

As I promised last week, we are looking at ways in which we can support you to keep your children safe at home. We have several strategies in school that we are trying out. The first one being 'Fabulous Friday'. Every Friday I will take over the remote learning for anyone that would like to join me. I have a section of the website where I will put on a project per week. The idea is that you can pick and choose the activities that you would like to do. I have tried to choose things that are easy to do and need very little preparation. If you have more than 1 child in school they are all welcome to join in, no matter what age. Any feedback and photographs would be gratefully received. I can use these to share what you have been up to on the website. (If you don't want your child on the website please just send a photograph of what has been produced!)

In order to access this follow the link-

https://www.christchurchprimary.org.uk/web/fabulous friday key stage 1 and early years/534406

School website- Covid 19- remote learning- fabulous Friday.

Thank you for your continued support at this challenging time.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Bradford

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