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Dear parents / carers.

As a result of the previous lockdown, with only about 10% of pupils completing any home learning, the vast majority of pupils were significantly below the expected standard in relation to their education – on average 2 terms below.

We have worked extremely hard to ensure not only that pupils 'catch up' but that the remote learning currently being offered will ensure that this level of underachievement by pupils does not occur again. However, we are relying on you, as parents, to make sure your children are accessing, and completing, the work from home.

Unfortunately, only a week in and I am already seeing far too many children have not accessed Google Classroom or completed any work!

It is vital that ALL pupils access Google Classroom and complete the remote learning provided daily.

The teachers have ensured that the learning planned and the corresponding resources replicate, where possible, what the day would be like if a child were still in school. They continue to use the year groups Medium Term Plans and our curriculums Skills Progression document (these can all be found on the school's website) to ensure the learning is carefully sequenced and builds on the children's previous knowledge.

Why are the teachers not delivering live lessons?

At Camrose, Safeguarding is of the upmost importance and the senior leadership team feel that the Safeguarding of our children will be put at risk if children have to connect to a live lesson from home with at least 30 other people online at the same time.

Live lessons mean that both a device and the children have to be available at a specific time of the day, putting additional pressure and expectations on families who are often juggling working from home whilst trying to support their child. When lessons are pre-recorded, children can have a level of independence to choose which order they would like to undertake their learning.

Live lessons require both a device and a greater internet band width that not all families have access to, creating an inequality of opportunity. For families with more than one child isolating, there would be an even higher demand on the availability of technology at a specific time.

I am asking all our parents to make a concerted effort to ensure their children use Google Classroom daily to access the education they are entitled to and avoid missed learning. Teachers will telephone pupils who are not accessing the online learning platform weekly to question why this is the case.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office or the class teacher via Google Classroom messages or email.

Finally, I'd like to thank those of you who are helping us to ensure your children's education is maintained so that they do not fall behind. I know this is difficult and may put additional pressure on you, so thank you for your support.

Take care.

Stay safe

Stay home

Regards

Mrs S Crick

Headteacher