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Good Morning Parents

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We come to the end of week 1 in this new lockdown.

I want to start by thanking you for the amazing level of engagement we witnessed yesterday with our 'Remote Learning'.

A quick reminder - please make sure your child(ren) log into the SEESAW communication app first as this is where the teacher will outline the day's routine.

It was wonderful seeing the virtual discussions taking place in every year group. This is very new to the teachers and I really think remote teaching was a real learning curve for them but a real testament to their determination to make this work.

Again, I fully understand the burden on families where the children have to share devices – to help ease this burden, we have work books for every child that will be ready to be collected from Monday 11th January 2021.

I am working on being able to access more devices to loan to families but it's a very slow system and primary schools are not allowed to order anything until contacted by the DFE.

My wish - I want to ensure the digital divide does not stop or hinder our children's learning and EVERY child has a dedicated device to work on - work with me as wishes do sometimes come true.

Linking to my wish quiet aptly today the Gospel is - The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes - so if we continue to work together, pray together and put our faith in God - you never know what is possible.

Every week I will send a weekly update and upload a copy of the text to the school website in the Newsletters section.

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