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Dear parents/carers,

After a very challenging week for all, it has been wonderful to see our pupils engaged and enjoying their learning whether they are still in school or working remotely on 'Seesaw'.

It is very interesting trying to run two schools, one for pupils in school and one for pupils at home, but all our staff are up for the challenge and determined to ensure our pupils get the very best deal whether learning at school or at home.

Our remote learning teachers and teaching assistants are really enjoying exploring what 'Seesaw' can offer our pupils. It is wonderful that this time we can see which pupils are engaging with their work, assess how they are doing and provide feedback to support and challenge them. It really does mean that they will get exactly the same offer as our pupils who are attending school. This will ensure that we can support them to continue to make progress in their year group curriculum and ensure pupils do not fall behind.

Some reminders for parents/carers of pupils attending school.

Please remember to wear a **mask or face covering** when entering the school site. This is really important to protect our entire school community.

Please ensure you are accessing your **parentmail** as all school communication is sent out via this platform.

Some reminders for those parents/carers of pupils at home

Your child's classteacher will contact you over the next week to find out how things are going and to provide support to ensure your child can access their learning on 'Seesaw'. Please ensure the school has your **correct contact details**, if these have changed please either ring the school office or e-mail info@guildfordgrove.surrey.sch.uk.

A huge well done to those of you already supporting your children with their remote learning. We have absolutely loved receiving the videos of their learning, seeing their work being sent in and reading their comments.

We know that supporting your child with their learning at home can be a challenge so don't forget, if they are finding a task tricky or they are starting to lack engagement in a task, give them a little break away from the task and then come back to it later. Don't fret if you don't get all the tasks done. Hopefully as they get used to this new way of working, they will be able to build up their stamina to achieve more tasks each day.

We also know that routine is key to supporting your child at home so keep getting them up at the same time they would to go to school, get them dressed into their clothes for the day (some parents are getting them to wear their school jumper to help them understand that it is learning time), if possible ensure they have a suitable place to work and also ensure they understand the importance of having an early night as it is still a school night.

We hope you have a nice relaxing weekend after all your efforts this week. You deserve it!

Many thanks,

Rona Mackie and Lucy Ryder
Co-Headteachers