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Dear Parents

School Communication Update

We are very excited to share that our 'Home Learning' tab on our website is now live: <https://www.bidfordonavon.warwickshire.sch.uk/homelearning.htm> .

Each Friday, new themed topic webs along with English and maths work will be set for each year group and will be accessible from the website, as well as being on the Purple Mash website. The Purple Mash site will also have additional work for your child to access.

Along with all of the work we are producing, please continue to read as much as possible with your child and use the other recommended resources such as Times Tables Rock Stars. It is also important for you to enjoy your time together as a family and over the next two weeks it is the Easter break and the work provided during Easter is optional. The next pack of work will be available from Friday 17th April.

The Home Learning page of the website will be updated with information to help support and give guidance during the closure. The SEND Supported team, who work very closely with our school, are also producing weekly newsletter with activities that would be suitable for all families to access. A link to their newsletter can also be found on our Home Learning page.

This week we have also been made aware of new Welfare scheme that is available for parents registered for welfare free school meals :

If children are registered for Free School Meals parents/carers can apply for assistance to buy food whilst they are not at school. This will be through a £30 voucher per child that they will receive via text/SMS to their mobile and can be exchanged for cash at any Paypoint outlet. We are currently offering six weeks of support as we do not know how long schools will be closed for.

From Monday 23rd March 2020, our Local Welfare Scheme Team will be happy to help and parents/carers can apply using either of these methods:

- *calling on 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182. You will be asked for each child's name, date of birth and a valid mobile number*
- *emailing us at warwickshirelocalwelfarescheme@warwickshire.gov.uk. You will need to include each child's name, date of birth and a valid mobile number*

Please be patient when calling us as we are anticipating a high volume of enquiries. We can confirm that you can contact us at anytime during the six weeks and you will still be eligible for the full amount.

We have attached a newsletter from The Warwickshire School Health Team for your information.

We hope you are finding all of this information helpful and that you are all staying safe.

Mr A Simms