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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to send a quick note to say a massive **'thank you'** for all of your support and patience this week. This has been a challenging week and we at St John and St James were determined to ensure that children were able to start their learning and reconnect with their teachers and friends. Most of our school community have been able to do this, through the support of school staff, parents and a few loaned devices. The staff have worked relentlessly to connect with every child and I have been so proud of our school team, as no doubt are you.

The children, school staff and I'm sure parents too have learnt new skills and discovered hidden talents but if you are still struggling to get onto Google Classrooms, then please give us a call or send an email to office@stjohnandjames.enfield.sch.uk. Engagement in home learning is compulsory and the teachers are trying to engage children better by delivering live lessons and open chat. However, we know there have been a few teething problems and technical issues but please persevere and keep talking to us.

From Monday, we will be providing paper resources for our youngest children, to support those who are unable to turn their work in online, those working on phones, tablets and other devices. If you need these please contact us to arrange to collect them. If you need guidance on helping your child turn in completed work, follow the videos and help sheets on the school website <https://www.stjohnandjames.enfield.sch.uk/google-classrooms/>.

Many of our families are entitled to Free School Meals, the government have said that school catering services should provide food hampers for these families, which we have. The hampers contained, cheese, tuna, bread, pasta, yogharts, vegetables, tins and salad. However, many of these were uncollected on Friday so have been stored until Monday. Please contact the school on Monday to arrange to collect yours if you haven't already or they will be given to other families in need.

We are grateful for your continued patience and relentless support as we learn to educate children in a whole new way, until they can all safely return to school.

Kind regards

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