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Dear Parents,

Do not Panic or Worry!

So we are at the end of Week 1 – what a week it has been and I do hope you and your families are all ok. The pressures, stresses and strains on everyone right now are huge, and we all have different hurdles to overcome.

There is one key message I want you all to take away from reading this letter.

Do not worry too much about your child's current education. You are not Home-Schooling your child. You are not teachers. You, and I did not ask for this to happen. Your number one priority to smile each day, work out some sort of home routine and to make sure you and your family are kept safe.

Daily Home–Learning...Clarity & Perspective needed

- **Structure to your days** – I do believe this is very important. A revised suggested structure is on the back of this letter, but again, you will decide the best structure due to your home circumstances.
- **Class Blogs & Teachers email address** – Blogs are being used by my teachers to try and keep children's mind active – but I must stress, if your child(ren) do not want to engage, then don't force them to. Teachers emails address are there so you can share pictures...etc. They haven't forgotten you and are missing their classes
- **Home Learning Packs** – all the children received home learning packs - these should be accessible to your child and they have a little book to jot things in to. These were designed to last two weeks...we've only done one week, so no need to stress or have any arguments about work.

The Week ahead

I don't think anyone, not even Boris Johnson knows where we will be by the end of next week, so for next week I have said to my teachers...**no more links – just a hello and perhaps a fun daily challenge.** There is plenty to do and I believe the revised structured day on the following page will give a lovely balance to family time, creative time, exercise time and a bit of academic time.

Next Friday should have been the start of our Easter Holidays, so therefore we would not have set much homework anyway. If after Easter, we are still in a period of 'Lockdown' you will probably need more support with suitable work. My teachers will be ready with this – but again, a sensible amount will be set. Your home is not a classroom or school...it is your home!

Again the key message for today is...do not panic or stress. Be as happy as you can and look after yourself.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Mr. Mills, Headteacher

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Revised Suggested Timetable...Structure is important 😊

Rough timings	Activity	Additional Information
Before 9am	Wake up 😊	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put PJs away
9:00 – 9:30	Daily exercise	Joe Wicks seems fab Just Dance - SVPS style – YouTube this....so easy😊
9:30 – 10:00	Open Class Blog	See what your teacher has said If you haven't done so already...write any comments and email pictures/videos of best bits from <u>yesterday to</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Class Blog comment</u> • <u>Email your class teacher(s)</u>
10:00 – 11:00	Academic Time	Set aside a dedicated space for this, no TV on in the background is best. Home Learning Packs – these were sent home or delivered by SVPS deliveroos 😊... <i>if you have finished the pack already then..</i> Using online for the stimulus only....not playing games. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children have an exercise book or find any piece of paper to write down work... • Children should be able to do most by themselves....just need a friendly 'how you doing'
11:00 – 12:00	Creative Time	Lego, drawing, crafting, play music, cook/bake...etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send pics/videos through to your class teachers email please...they'd love to see them.
12:00	Lunch	Make sure all the family help in some way to prepare the meal
12:30	Chore Time – being generally helpful 😊	Do something helpful – a kind gesture goes a long way 😊
1:00 – 2:00	Quiet Time	Reading, Puzzle.....keeping mind active...no electronics though
2:00 – 3:00	Academic Time	Electronics ok – online educational games/site
3:00 – 4:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bikes, Walk, Play outside, family time....even it is raining for cold it is important to get some fresh air...you have coats and umbrella's
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner	Make sure all the family help in some way to prepare the meal
6:00 – 8:00	Free TV time	Time to relax and unwind... 😊 Send any pictures/videos to your class teacher email
8:00 – 9:00	Bedtime or family chill out time	All children who continue to follow a daily structure and have good sleep patterns will have sharper minds and be healthier

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Teachers email address and Class Blog Links

Your child's teacher wants to see and hear all the 'fun' things you have been up to.

- Please email them pictures and video...
- Please comment on the daily blog

Class number	Email Address	Class Blog Address
1	acleary@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk SHeath@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass1.edublogs.org
2	lwaller@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk vparker@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass2.edublogs.org
3	mwoolley@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk slanger@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass3.edublogs.org
4	phowell@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass4.edublogs.org
5	kbayntun@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass5.edublogs.org
6	Aclayton@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass6.edublogs.org
7	gwilkins@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk NSargeant@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass7.edublogs.org
8	madsett@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk DSteed@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass8.edublogs.org
9	hcox@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass9.edublogs.org
10	droddis@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass10.edublogs.org
11	rbradnam@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	http://svpsclass11.edublogs.org/
12	ATanfield@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass12.edublogs.org/
13	vbrain@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass13.edublogs.org
14	jbradley@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk	https://svpsclass14.edublogs.org
Woodland		https://svpswoodland.edublogs.org
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