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Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for all of your efforts with home learning, it has been fantastic to see the children engaging in the live classes. Both you and the children are doing a magnificent job!

We are aware that some children are yet to submit any work via google classroom. It is imperative that they submit this on a daily basis. We really do not want the children to fall behind any further during this third lockdown, therefore submitting their work is vital.

We have received a few repeated requests for work to be uploaded the night before. Whilst we understand a lot of you are trying to juggle being a parent, a teacher and also work from home it is currently impossible for us to upload the work any earlier than 7.30am each day. This is because when teachers finish teaching the children who are attending school on site and those online at 3.30pm, they then have to mark all of the work for every child, for each subject, prior to planning the following day's work. Many of the teachers also have their individual subject and leadership responsibilities to undertake which includes attending meetings in evenings along with their own family commitments.

I am sure you will agree that all of the staff at Farnborough have done an exceptional job throughout this last year and the teachers have gone above and beyond to ensure the children receive the best possible learning and support they possibly can. As one parent commented, a teacher was marking their child's work at 12.50am this morning. This is one of many examples of my staff's commitment to your children.

I am incredibly proud of my dedicated team of staff and their continuous selfless efforts to make the children's learning as fun and engaging as they possibly can during what is a very uncertain time.

Please rest assured that we will always help in any way possible, however I have to take into account lots of different factors when making decisions about the daily schedule for both the children and my team of staff to ensure it works for everyone involved and that it is done in line with guidance that the school receives.

I hope that this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely

Miss James Head Teacher



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