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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well, remember that we are still here for you. We hope you are all finding your weekly telephone calls helpful, we certainly enjoy hearing from you all, but if you need help or advice before your next call, do not wait, please get in touch using support@townley.cambs.sch.uk.

We held our first virtual assembly today, which is on the Facebook Groups and in Starz for Emperor Class. You should hopefully find the Happiness Calendar here <https://www.townley.cambs.sch.uk/website/wellbeing/478207>. We hope you are finding the virtual lessons supportive, we are doing this to support you with learning at home, we do not expect you to do everything suggested. If you need advice or support just get in touch.

Our last newsletter had all the learning links we think are helpful, as well as the individual class links. This newsletter can be accessed here https://www.townley.cambs.sch.uk/website/april_2020/475422

Following your feedback, we have purchased all the children from Year 1 to Year 6, Power Maths books for home. Unfortunately, there has been a delay from the publishers; however, they have assured us they should be with you by next Friday. For some children you may find you have two different copies of the books, this is because your child's teacher thinks they benefit from a book from a different age group. If you need advice, get in touch.

If you need support providing food for your family, please let one of us know as we can source food-bank voucher for you.

If you your child is entitled to Free School Meals, hopefully you will receive your second (or third if you have more than one child who is entitled) 'e-voucher', on Monday, if not let us know. If your financial situation has changed, you can apply for Free School Meals, check your eligibility here <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>. If you are entitled to Free School meals, we will receive notification and a member of Townley staff will call you and discuss this, there are a number of scams around this at the moment so please check with us if you are not sure.

Our advice is the same as the Government: Stay at home, protect the NHS and help save lives. Currently, the children of Key Workers are all safe at home, but if your situation changes, do please get in touch with us.

Finally, we are still all unsure when this will all end, I know some of you are worried about your children returning to school, it is likely we will know more about the plans for removing lockdown on Monday. The Local Authority is supporting us with opening, which may be phased, and is publishing a document to support us with this next week. As soon as we have more news on re-opening we will of course let you know.

Take care of yourselves and your families,

Best wishes,

Mrs Higgins