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Dear Grade One Families,

We hope you have enjoyed spending time with your precious families and loved ones over the school holidays. A very different school holiday unfortunately, but necessary for the community.

Lyndhurst teachers have been preparing to deliver your child's learning online. The Grade One teachers are excited to undertake this new teaching and learning method. We are all new to this and we don't pretend to be experts at online teaching and learning yet, but we will do our utmost to ensure your child's learning continues.

Please be assured we don't expect you to be your child's teacher. We will still be your child's teachers. We know from other teachers' experiences who have done online learning previously, that learning will continue, but be different from a normal classroom setting. We also understand you may have more than one child doing online learning, and you may have limited access to online devices. You will move at the pace of your child and what resources you have available to you.

Teachers have been preparing some take home care packs to help support you and your child's learning. In this care pack you will find:

- A Grade One learning matrix (choice of learning activities for the next fortnight)
- Recommended, online resources that can also be used to support learning
- Stationary and workbooks
- Student login codes for educational apps such as Seesaw, Studyladder and Prodigy
- Resources to support learning e.g. dice, hundreds chart, handwriting booklet etc.

It is necessary that your child continues to read for a minimum of 20 minutes each day. There will be no 'take home readers' from school however, children can read 'good fit book's by using one of the online platforms or books you already have at home. There is the expectation that children regularly use Lexia, which can be downloaded as an app on any device. We would also strongly encourage your child to share some of their learning using the SeeSaw App, if you have access to a computer or iPad. Students are already familiar with Seesaw, where they can take photos or videos of the work they are doing, which teachers can access.

Children thrive when they are given a routine. In this pack we have included an example of how you might like to set up your child's daily learning routine.

We are all excited to see how we can move into online learning and reconnect with our wonderful and amazing community!

All staff have been set up with a temporary email address. You can use this to communicate directly with us within school hours. We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Our very warmest Regards,

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