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Dear Parents,

Thank you all for your ongoing support and partnership throughout Term 3. This has been a very challenging time for many families, especially for parents whose children have been learning from home. I would also like to thank all the staff for their hard work providing both remote education and blended learning. We have really appreciated the highly positive feedback regarding our school programme of learning and the levels of engagement and communication that have taken place between teachers and parents.

Term 4 Week 1 Remote Education offer:

We are so proud of the children at home trying their best and keeping up with the daily tasks set - thank you for all your support and encouragement. As previously communicated, we are introducing the government statutory requirements for remote education and after half term there will be **History** learning in addition to daily English, Maths, Directed Time, a PE session and a PSHE session. Teachers will communicate all home learning expectations via their daily class emails. **Please ensure that you prioritise the English and Maths daily learning LOOM videos and activities. This is in line with our whole school focus for this academic year of ensuring that we recover lost learning in these key subject areas.** View our school policy here: <http://mereworth.kent.sch.uk/remote-learning/>

Home Learning Week 1, 2 and 3:

The children will be asked to complete a fun project activity, linked to their class History topic, to be displayed in school. This project will replace the usual English/Maths home learning activities. Details will be provided by the class teacher on the first Monday after half term.

Tik Tok – video sharing social media app:

Please find attached a National Online Safety poster about Tik Tok. We recognise the challenges of ensuring that your child is safe online and each week we will provide information to support you as a parent.

Reminders:

After School Club provision: Thank you to all the parents that have been using the ASC during this term. The booking form for Term 4 is available via the school website or by emailing the ASC email address. A paper copy can also be requested via the school office. Our After School Club is available every day until 6.00pm. **To book a place for Term 4, please email: casc@mereworth.kent.sch.uk and use the booking form.** Please note that payment should be made in advance via Scopay and any cancellation within 24 hours will be subject to the full cost of the session(s).

Entitlement to Free School Meals and government voucher scheme: If your employment circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to this support. Please contact the school office if you feel that you may be eligible and we will help you to access this funding for your family.

We wish Mrs Ford a very happy maternity leave and look forward to hearing her baby news next term. Finally, have a lovely half term break with your family. We are really looking forward to being able to welcome back all our children to school and will be able to communicate further on this as soon as we have this information from the government.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Lavelle
Head Teacher