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Dear Parents/Guardians

Collins Big Cat eBook Libraries

We are delighted to let you know that the school has subscribed to Collins Big Cat eBooks for all children across the school. The eBook Library will enable children to access reading books at their level. Each teacher will select books and allocate them to your child's eBook Library where you will be able to access them at home. An introductory letter with guidance and log-in details will be emailed to your email address when the teacher has the system set up.

'Breathe to Achieve'

As we come to the end of the third week of remote learning we would like to thank you all for your cooperation in getting our new system up and running. In these strange times we all need to support each other as life has completely changed for all of us. We are all trying to deal with remote learning, supervision of Key Workers' children, working from home and balancing our busy home circumstances.

As you know this may well go on for a few weeks more and so it is important that we get the appropriate balance between academic work for the children and looking after their wellbeing; we as a school are working very hard on this. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff in school for their hard work in what has become a very different job for everyone.

Please remember that the work provided for the children is only a guideline. We know that all home circumstances are different and so only do as much work as you feel is appropriate for your children. Some days will be busier than others and you may not get as much done as other days and that is ok. We are here to support and help you as much as we can.

With all of this in mind we would like to address the amount of screen time for pupils and staff and support the mental wellbeing of the pupils, staff and parents. We have decided that we are going to launch our 'Breathe to Achieve' initiative which will be rolled out every Friday afternoon. This will involve the children taking part in activities which will not involve working from devices but that will complement the work they are doing in school in other ways. It may take the form of art/craft, quizzes, competitions, baking, etc. Each teacher will have their own ideas on this but we hope that this will allow for much needed space for everyone.

Thank you again for all your support. The class teacher will be in contact with details of our initiative moving forward.

Yours sincerely

Mrs U Farrell

Principal