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Dear Parents / Carers,

Staff in Key Stage Two will be using technology to teach and set work on a regular basis, helping our pupils to stay focused in what is an important year in their education.

Going forwards, we will be using 'Showbie' to set work. It is available as both an app (Showbie) and website (https://my.showbie.com), which should hopefully mean that *most* children, if not all, will have access to it while away from school.

Most of our pupils who have been in school recently will have had the opportunity to set up an account. They will have created a username and have set up their own password, which they will have a record of. This will allow them to access their Showbie assignments.

For those children who have been off school, their first step is to 'sign up'. They will need to put in their (real!) first and last names, create a username and password. An email address is not needed.

After that, you will need to join your class:

- For 5C/Costa Rica, the class code is DBDCA
- For 5A/Chile, the class code is 2U94L

If your child is currently in Mrs Birkett's Maths or Writing groups, they will need to join these too using the following codes:

- Mrs Birkett's Maths, the code is ZV9N4
- Mrs Birkett's Writing, the code is CF9DL

Your child will now be ready to use Showbie!

As staff, we will set 'Assignments', where we will introduce, explain and/or set work. We might show the children informative pictures, upload activity sheets, leave group or personalised voice memos or upload videos to help explain what the assignment is.

The expectation is that then children will respond to these assignments. This could take place in many forms, from replying to questions through the app, taking pictures of their work to send to staff or recording voice memos with their answers.

Staff will send work throughout the week, so please check your account regularly for new assignments or feedback. Please do not expect instant responses from staff: we will endeavour to maintain communication as often as possible but we may also have to contend with illnesses in our households and families.























In Year 5, we have also sent out work packs for the children to complete at home. This should support their learning alongside assignments we set on Showbie.

In this difficult time, please accept our thanks in advance for your continued support.

The Year 5 team.