Creating a template page with a different parent page

I needed to have a way to click on a button (or a link) and create a page from a template. For example, I have a template for weekly team reports and I want anybody on the team to be able to create a new report easily. The catch is that I want the button to be on the team home page, but have the reports live under a separate page that lists all the reports back to the beginning of time.

The Create From Template macro embeds a button that creates a new page from a template, but only as a child page of the page holding the button.

I found out how to do this by wading through some Confluence support forums and reading copious comments within. Hopefully this will make it easier for people.

Step-by-step guide

This assumes that you have created a template and you have both the page that will hold the link to initiate the new page creation and the page that the new page will live under.

1. Find the pageid for both the template itself and the page that will be the parent page.
   a. Call up the template or page in Edit mode and you can see the pageid in the URL, like this:

   ![Pageid example](https://wiki.uchicago.edu/pages/editpage.action?pageId=56460053)

   b. Record the pageids for both the template and the parent page.

2. Create a new link on the page that you want to initiate the creation from.
   a. Use some page text like "Create a new page from the template"
   b. The link target should look like this:

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   pages/createpage-entervariables.action?templateId=YourTemplatePageID&
   ourParentPageID (with no line break)
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   That's it - clicking the link should create the page from the template under the page you specified. No, you can't have a button - you have to be satisfied with a link.

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