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A Message to All Of Our Parents and Carers,

A week has almost passed since our school, as we know it, changed dramatically for the unforeseeable future. We are all missing the children and know that staff have really appreciated messages received.

We would like to say well done and thank you for all of your efforts with trying to maintain some normality for the children by having a go at home learning challenges. We understand that this is an unsettling and difficult time for all and hope that the learning suggested so far has been both manageable and fun.

We want to take this opportunity to reassure you that it really doesn't matter how much work is completed. We will continue to provide more than is necessary, but there is no expectation set or reward for the child who completes the most. Everyone is different and every family is facing different challenges unique to them.

Some children may be thriving on having some structure and completing as many tasks as possible, whereas others will struggle to have this approach. Please don't worry. As a minimum, it would be ideal for the children to undertake daily reading and some daily maths practice (see your class page on the website). Furthermore, there is no time expectation – whatever works for you as a family is all we ask.

Most importantly, at this incredibly stressful time, it is vital that you do not put undue pressure on yourselves or the children. We have all been catapulted into a situation that we have never faced before and that we have no control over.

Finally, we really wanted you to know that we are here should you need any advice or support. The children (and adults) are missing their friends and routines, which is why it is so crucial that we all, wherever possible, use this time to enjoy being together as families. Have fun, play games, be creative and, most importantly of all, take care of each other.

Mr Turrall and All Staff