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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week you will receive a check in phone call from a member of staff to see how things are going. We really appreciate the difficulties that you as families are facing at this time and the anxiety that is caused by further school closures.

We realise that completing remote learning can be challenging and that is why as a school we have taken a flexible approach to both paper based and online teaching resources. This ensures that you as families are able to access the work at a time that is most suitable for you and means the sessions can always be revisited if needed.

Below are some top tips for supporting home learning:

- Please remember that the “normal school day” includes register, breaks, dinner, tidy-up, hand washing (lots at the moment!), social learning and a whole host of other things! We do not sit down and solidly learn in silence from 9am until 3:30pm!
- If children are struggling to concentrate, try to make a clear distinction between “school time” and not. Try to create a routine that you can repeat every day.
- We are here to help. If there’s anything we can do to help, then we will. We can’t always promise to be able to help in the way you ask, but we will always listen.

Finally, we are still receiving a number of requests from parents about children attending school. We all know how important education is and we hoped just as you did that we would be able to stay open to all pupils but we must now work with the guidance that we have been given in order to support the national effort of suppressing the virus. The guidance is very clear as to which children we are able to admit into school at this time. At the weekend, the government have also reiterated that even where parents are key workers, children should only attend school if there is absolutely no alternative. As a school, it is really difficult for us to turn parents down. We know each family has their own challenges at this time but unfortunately that does not necessarily mean children are able to attend school.

We will continue to support our families at home as best as we can and we thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards

Miss G Yapp

Head of School

