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Dear Parents and Carers

Supporting Home Learning

As the dust settles at the announcement of this full lockdown, I am sure you will be getting to grips with home learning over the next couple of days, if you have not done so already. I sent the links to each year group's online learning on Tuesday and I hope you have found the videos and resources for each year group and each day – these will be added as we progress each day. We use videos via You Tube as they can be accessed by mobile phone and looked at repeatedly.

My advice around home learning is to do as much as you can but to pace yourselves. Get in to a routine if you can. Some have even found it useful to get the children to wear their uniform to delineate between school and non-school! You do not, of course, have to do this! Build a routine with regular breaks. At school we rarely go beyond an hour for even the oldest children before there is a break in concentrated learning. You will know what is right for your child.

If you would like exercise/work books for your children to do their work in we can provide a maths and a writing book. Please do not email to request these as school's inbox will be overloaded - just come up to the school office to collect them between 9.30am and 2.30pm to avoid drop-off and pick-up times. Again, if you absolutely cannot get to school to collect, email and we will get them delivered to you as soon as possible. Just tell us which year group your child is in and we will provide the correct books. Depending on demand we may run out and there may be some delay while we re-order.

As well as home learning, please do feel that you can get outside for exercise, fun and time in nature where possible – this is really helpful for all our well-being but especially children's. They can also take time to play and read. The online learning is important and we would like children to do as much as they can but realise that this may build up over time, especially for the younger children. Our older children, Year 4 and above, should be able to access the learning online with greater independence – especially in Year 6!

If you need help and support, to send in completed work as an attachment or photo (optional but well received), to ask for SEND support or to communicate with the teachers in your year group, please email your year group email, also sent out yesterday. Contact the school email if you are in need of additional support at this really difficult time.

Stay safe and take care.

Yours sincerely

Helen Williamson
Headteacher

