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Dear Parents/Carers,

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We wish to thank you for all you are doing at home with your children, whilst this lockdown continues. It is important for you to know that we understand the challenges and difficulties you are facing juggling home learning and working from home yourselves. Many of our staff must do the same with their own families. We have been thrilled with all the submissions of pupils' work, as well as photographs of what pupils have been up to when not doing home learning. Staff have found regular contact with families through Google Classroom/Tapestry, not to mention seeing pupils on arranged virtual meetings highly rewarding and motivational. It is hoped that our pupils have felt the same in return.

Our staff continue to work alongside you with great dedication to support your child to maintain the best level of education possible. We are always reviewing what we do and responding to feedback. Staff have to ensure there is sufficient variety of work to mirror what the pupils would undertake during a normal school day. Please remember we still have critical worker and vulnerable children in school at the same time completing the same work. Our diverse curriculum, in its entirety, must be offered to the best of our ability in a remote way. It is still a directive that this must be returned to normal by the Summer term. The Government, in its wisdom, has stated that, on average, KS1 pupils must have three hours of learning a day with KS2 pupils having four hours. As a result, staff have endeavoured to meet these requirements by uploading English, Maths and Foundation tasks in a variety of formats, such as Daily Tasks (English/Maths), Ten in Ten, Spellings, Reading, Reading Comprehension, Times Tables to name but a few.

Seeing the number of tasks can be daunting for some parents and there may be elements that one year group has that another does not. However, the consistent elements across all years will be a main English (Writing/Reading/Phonics), Maths and Foundation subject task.

We totally understand that there will be families, who are able to achieve everything each day and in comparison there will be families who have to share devices between siblings and can only complete a few tasks. Children are all unique, some require more support than others and tasks may take longer to complete because of this. Some children will be much more independent and can complete tasks more rapidly. Our advice has always been for you to do your best and to keep in regular contact with your class teachers for support and guidance. It concerns staff more greatly if we do not get to hear from pupils/families regularly rather than not getting every task completed. We will, of course, contact the families we do not hear from. Simply enable your children to complete the main English and Maths tasks with a foundation subject task each day and submit these. If you cannot manage to complete additional tasks, do not worry and do not get stressed out. Like us, you wish the best for your child's education, but a stressed parent and a stressed child will hinder learning. There are also many other things you can do with your child to educate them about the world around them. Keep them fit and active, cook with them, watch a film/documentary together, share board games and talk about what is going on in other parts of the globe, as well as in the UK.

One thing this pandemic has done is highlight how resilient and adaptable we all need to be. Remember you are all doing a grand job at keeping your children safe and ensuring they are loved and cared for to grow and develop into lovely human beings.

Stay home and stay safe.

Bradley Young
Headteacher

Jonathan Earle
Chair of Governors

