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Dear Parent/Carers

Keeping in touch letter

We hope that you are all well, safe, and managing with the ever-changing situation we all find ourselves in. Thank you to all our families who are key workers who are trying their hardest to keep us safe.

We also hope that you are staying healthy and enjoying quality time together and not worrying too much, about whether you have completed the home learning activities with your child. We do not want to put you under any pressure so do what you can, when you can.

What you are doing at home is as new to you as remote learning is to us. We do not expect you to take on the roles of teachers, but we hope to provide you with some structure to your day.

Please do not stress or feel guilty if your child does not want to do the work, or the activities do not last as long as you expected. There are other learning-base activities that they could be doing with you – see ‘other suggested websites on the year group pages.

We are also mindful that you might be working from home and have more than one child, so again, please do not stress. We are experiencing an unprecedented emergency situation that is impacting on the whole world, so please having a sense of perspective is important.

However, we will continue to send remote learning each week, **but not over the Easter holidays.**

Also, please don’t worry if you think your child is falling behind in their learning. Most of the activities sent home are consolidating what has already been taught. When we eventually return to school, we will ensure that learning gets back on track and your child will catch up with the key concepts that need to be taught for the age.

In the meantime, the Senior Leadership Team is looking at different ways on how to develop what is now a basic remote learning programme into something more ambitious. We will be meeting in the Easter holidays to discuss this and hope to share what our ‘developing on-line learning’ looks like with you after the Easter break.

Whilst you have had your hands full at home, we have had to learn to manage a different type of school. A school for no more than 20 pupils at any given time...a school where staff work on a rota basis, a strange and extraordinary situation to be in. We have not been trained in providing home learning or remote learning. All this is unfamiliar to us. Thank you for understanding and supporting us during these unprecedented times, and thank you also for your feedback.

As we approach what would have been the Easter break, the school will remain open to the families of key workers so that we can help them get on with their jobs in battling this virus. Please, stay safe, missing you all,

Will & Helen

