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Dear Parents / Carers,

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to all our families who have embraced our remote learning offer and are supporting their children with online lessons and completing the tasks set by teachers. We are trying to deliver a range of lessons and learning which cover the national curriculum expectations but which are also easily accessible at home. With this in mind, we are trying not to send out lots of work which needs printing off or new concepts that the children will not understand. School is open daily and if you are really struggling with stationery, resources or would prefer the work to be printed off for your collection, please contact your class teacher and we will see what we can organise.

This is a very steep learning curve for all of us, especially when we were forced so quickly into this new way of schooling and we do appreciate that not all families have the devices, technology or internet capacity to access our offer. School are trying to help with devices and technical support where we can but we have limited resources which we can get out to families. We have had a donation of 30GB data sim cards (cannot be used for calls or texts) which may help with data usage for Vodafone devices or they can be unlocked to use on other networks. Please contact the office if this would be helpful.

There is a Government expectation that families will engage with the remote learning offer, both by children attending live lessons whenever possible, and also completing the work set. School are keeping a register of pupils' attendance and work examples sent back into school and will contact parents where there is limited or no response or engagement.

We want to support you in finding a balance with family life. We realise home schooling may be stressful and challenging (especially if you have a full house) so if your child is struggling or refusing to complete tasks or you miss a session – please don't worry or give up, just have a go at the work later and try and log onto the next online session. It is important that children have lots of exercise and fresh air (weather permitting!) and that you also spend time as a family doing your normal family things.

We are all looking forward to the time when school will return and we can see our fantastic pupils in person rather than on a screen, and when we can share our lovely learning experiences and events. Until then we hope to be as supportive to you as we can in these difficult times. Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Watson

