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Thursday 14th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Home Learning

It has been lovely to see all of the great learning that is taking place at home throughout the current lockdown. The children should feel proud of their achievements during such a challenging period for us all, and their resilience and effort has blown me away!

I am aware of the pressure that home learning can cause for parents, and children alike, and I know how challenging juggling work and your child's home learning can be, especially after the lockdown in March last year.

I wanted to write to you all to say that you are doing an amazing job. It is so easy to be critical of yourselves and feel like a failure if your child has not completed their learning for the day, but please be kind to yourselves. The classroom teachers have planned between 3-4 hours of work each day which we would, of course, encourage the children to complete as much as possible, but not to the detriment of your, or your child's, wellbeing. You know your child more than anyone so please always follow your own instincts and know that they will not be penalised for incomplete pieces of work. The most important thing for us as a school is your child's safety and wellbeing.

With this in mind, staff will be contacting those parents who as a school, we have not heard from at all. From 25th January, if we have not received any correspondence from you or your child during the week, through DB Learning, email, phone call, collection of hard copies etc., the school office will send an email to check parents and children are well and whether there is any support we can offer. If we do not receive a response, teachers will begin to phone parents and then I will phone. In extreme cases, if we have not received any correspondence via any channels and we are concerned, we will consider home visits. I can assure you that this is supportive and not meant to come across as if we are checking up on you. We just want to make sure that all our families within the school community are getting the support that they need and a way to monitor this is through regular contact.

We have ordered our laptop allocation from the DfE and next week, we will be contacting those parents who require one.

During these lockdowns, the use of technology and screen time has grown rapidly and we need to ensure that our children are being safe online. The NSPCC and Think U Know websites have some fantastic resources that can help you as families. Being open, monitoring and having regular dialogue are ways in which we can continue to provide a safe environment for our children online.

Finally, teachers have been busy planning some live, once-a-week online circle time sessions that will begin next week. You will receive a Teams invitation via email with a link to the 'meeting'. You do not need a Microsoft account and this can be opened straight into an internet browser without downloading a new App. These sessions will vary in content from week to week but will provide an

opportunity for children to interact with their peers. As well as their class teacher. Please see the timetable below.

| Year group | Day | Time |
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| Reception | Friday | 1:10 |
| Year 1 | Wednesday | 1:10 |
| Year 2 | Monday/Thursday (alternating) | 1:10 |
| Year 3 | Wednesday | 2:35 |
| Year 4 | Thursday | 2:35 |
| Year 5 | Monday | 2:35 |
| Year 6 | Tuesday | 2:35 |

Thank you for your hard work and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr F Wallace

Headteacher