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Dear Parents

I hope this letter finds you well and keeping safe.

We are halfway through the half term; I'm not sure if the time is flying or dragging but it is certainly feeling different. Thank you to everyone who is working hard to make home learning successful, remember we are here to help during the school day if you need advice or support.

Your kind words of support for what we are providing for your children are very much appreciated. Many of you have commented that you like the daily briefing of home learning and set tasks to complete. Remember that children learn and work at different rates so you may find your child sometimes completes a task very quickly but if they are taking much longer than the time indicated for the session, please don't feel they have to complete it all. However, doing nothing is not an option; do what you can.

Feedback on the tasks is always appreciated. It is one small way we can keep in contact at this time.

Apologies if there has been a delay responding to emails and inquiries in the last few days as we have suffered from poor internet connection and broadband speed. I'm sure this is something due to our location and demand for internet space. We will respond to you as soon as we can.

Despite poor internet, it is good to see the children are making use of our online learning programmes. Lots of the children are using Spelling Shed but try to do the Maths Shed and NumberGym programmes too as still only a few are accessing these. Learning mental maths skills is so important and helps with many more areas of maths and is one really 'quick fix' children can do away from the classroom.

A quick reminder that it is now possible for Years 3-6 to quiz on Accelerated Reader at home. Your class teachers will have sent you details of this and also information on how to search for and choose their next books from school. We can organise these for collection on the next school day.

Give us call on the school telephone number 01584 841630 if you need an explanation on anything to do with your child's home learning.

I have had a couple of you ask about children returning to school during lockdown. I must stress that school remains open for **only those of you who are critical workers**. The children who do have to come into school are doing exactly the same learning as we are sending home. Your children are not missing out on anything – most of their friends are at home so they are not missing out on the social side of things. Schools have been 'closed' in order to limit contact and prevent the spread between households. High numbers of children in school at this point in time will present challenges with regard to social distancing and we want to ensure our school is fully able to continue in its duty of care of keeping staff, children and parents as safe as possible. Parents of children in school, have only taken this option as a last resort and continue to keep their children at home when they are not in work. If it is at all possible for you to care for your child at home, then you should do so.

You are doing a great job.

Stay safe

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Brough