



11th May 2020

Dear all,

I hope you are all well and coping at home as we enter another week.

We have been doing lots at Blackpool Gateway Academy to try and help with everything you are going through. It has been nice for staff to touch base and make phone calls home and sometimes even chat with the children.

I hope by now that everyone has managed to access some learning at home in some way or other. We're continuing to use ClassDojo, and Showbie and Google Classrooms in Year 6, for those of you who can access this and we have some resource packs available to families where you may be struggling with internet access and lack of devices. The packs can be collected from school on a Wednesday alongside any food parcels. If you think this is something you need also, please speak with your class staff and we can arrange this for you. We also now email work each week and an overview is available on our website, <https://www.gateway.fcat.org.uk/> under the Home Learning tab.

If you haven't had a look at the website recently please do! We have been working very hard behind the scenes to improve the information available to you. There is a Nurture Nook tab and other useful documents and advice to help you at home. Please let us know of anything you feel you need or would like help with; we will help wherever we can and realise that there may be challenging times for you at home.

I am sure you heard the announcement by the Prime Minister on Sunday regarding plans to return to school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. It is very early days and the details have not been released as yet. This will take some planning and thoughts about how this happens and no arrangements are in place yet. I will be in touch with any arrangements over the next few weeks. As you probably heard it is important that we continue to social distance and follow the existing guidance to keep us all safe.

On a very positive note, some staff wanted to say hello so watch out for the video cleverly put together by Miss Millett that we will send on to you. A grateful thanks to her and all involved. Now it is your turn to send us your pictures and videos. Everyone misses you all but in the meantime keep in touch and share all your great family times and experiences and we can add to our website for everyone to see and make us all smile !

Kind regards, stay safe and take very good care,

Mrs Robinson