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Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and coping during this very difficult time. Although it is lovely to see a few of our key workers' children coming into school, we are really missing the rest of the children and the 'buzz' of learning but we know that the safest place for your children to be at the moment is at home. This is definitely not the start to the summer term that we are all used to.

It has been fantastic to see the photographs that have been emailed in (you can see a large selection on the website) and I know that the staff have really enjoyed their phone calls with you and the children.

From the phone calls and emails, I am aware that it can be very challenging at times trying to complete school activities with your children at home. If you are finding all of this quite stressful, I have taken some tips, from a Headteachers' website, which you might find helpful.

### **Please remember:-**

**1) This is not 'home-schooling'. This is an unprecedented emergency situation impacting on the whole world. Let's keep perspective. Home-schooling is a choice, where you consider it, plan for it and you become your child's schoolteacher in whatever form you choose.**

**2) You are, and always have been, your child's primary educator. If you decide that your child isn't going to engage with anything sent home and is going to spend the entire period playing in the dirt, or baking, or watching TV, then that is your choice. That is your right. There is nothing to stress or feel guilty about.**

**3) Schools don't know what they're doing either. They had no notice, no preparation time, and were clearly told NOT to 'continue to plan lessons as normal and just send them home' – that's NOT possible. If it were, we'd all be out of a job!**

**4) It is absolutely not possible to facilitate distance learning with a primary aged child and work from home at the same time. The very idea is nonsense. If you're trying to do that, stop now. You can certainly have activities where your child learns, but your focus is your job, and survival. Again, unprecedented. Don't try to be superheroes.**

We are all trying our best during these uncertain times and that is all anyone can ask for. These changes and uncertainty are as challenging for the children as they are for adults. Please just take care of yourselves and your loved ones, make positive memories of this moment in history where you can, and although it may seem like it at times, this won't be forever.

We can't wait to see you again when the time is right.

In the meantime, take care and carry on doing the fantastic job that you all are doing.

Kind regards,

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**(Acting Headteacher)**



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