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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Parent Update

I hope this update finds you well. In school we are certainly feeling it this week, as I am sure many of you are at home. It feels like most of the children have been away from school for such a long time now and we do miss them all.

Don't despair if you are finding remote learning a slog – you are not alone. Staff have spoken with many children this week who are struggling to stay engaged. Remote learning does not have to be your battle - you can hand it over to us. We are more than happy to speak with children over the phone or on a live call. We can offer strategies for coping with school work, give a quick teaching input, offer pastoral/behaviour support or simply praise effort and good work.

We all know how important it is for children to continue with school work so that when they finally return, learning is not a huge challenge. But at the same time, home is not school and for some children, working without a teacher or TA is too overwhelming. Please do let us support you with this.

That said, lots of children have been handing in some super pieces of work this week and we are all really pleased with the effort they are making at home – it is always lovely to see what they have been up to.

Next week will be our last week in school before half term. During half term, teachers will not be posting or uploading on Google Classroom or Tapestry so that they, along with you, can have a well-deserved break. However, if you would still like some ideas for activities please do look on our website.

Looking at the weather for next week, snow is forecast on Monday/Tuesday. If this does result in a school closure, we will post a message on our website. Staff will still be available via Google Classroom and Tapestry and all children who would usually be in school should switch to remote learning. I attach our emergency closure policy and would be grateful if you would familiarise yourselves with the information and, most importantly, let us know if your email address has changed!

As always, we are here to help and support in any way we can, so please do get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Brazier
Acting Headteacher

Enc: Emergency Closure Policy