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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that the start to lockdown has gone as well as might be expected in these circumstances and that the children are enjoying the remote learning projects sent yesterday.

We understand that many of you are juggling numerous roles and responsibilities in difficult circumstances because of the continued disruption of the pandemic on all our lives. Keeping jobs going, meeting deadlines whilst keeping households happy and healthy is not an easy task and we want to reassure you that your wellbeing is our priority. We do not want our families under any undue stress or worry.

In regards to the structured approach to the remote learning we will be providing, this provision was planned in response to the Government's statutory requirement, that in the event of lockdown, all state primary schools should provide around 3 hours of daily remote learning activities that would enable children to continue their learning at home. Having listened to feedback from the last lockdown, we felt that this approach would provide more of a routine for the children and help families to structure the day's learning and also ensure a clearer understanding of the expectations and how to meet the learning outcomes.

However, please be aware that there is no pressure on you to strictly follow the structure /timetable that will be provided. We realise that some of you are not in the position to easily take on this approach and will want or need to be flexible and adapt the materials and timings to suit your individual circumstances and this is perfectly acceptable. Likewise, whilst ideally the uploading of work for teachers should happen daily we do understand that this may not always be possible so please don't worry if circumstances dictate otherwise.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and please be assured that we are here for you as we all try to make sense of what is happening in our lockdown world.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hanratty Mrs Gwilliam

Headteacher Deputy Headteacher



