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Dear Parents,

As we enter the final part of our summer term, I wanted to thank you all for the wonderful job you have been doing of supporting your child with home learning. This has been a challenge for everyone but I have been overwhelmed by the determination of our school community to be the best they can be. Thank you. The staff have been delighted that so many parents have been sharing the learning that has been going on at home.

At the start of this half term, we welcome back a greater number of children from key workers, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. It has been wonderful to see some of our children and parents and once again the buzz around school has begun to return.

Plans are already underway formulating how we can support the education and return to school of the additional year groups at the end of June, if the Government permits. We are awaiting further guidance from the Government to signpost how all year groups can return safely in groups of no more than 15, with less staff and not enough space to accommodate them all using this model.

Learning packs will continue to be available via our school website for those still home-schooling. Each summer term, the whole school studies a different country and we immerse ourselves in their culture through the arts, dance, literature and research projects. This half term we are continuing with our plans and our focus will be on Australia. All classes will have this theme running through their packs with lots of exciting, open ended practical activities. We look forward to seeing the children's creations and learning.

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For those children in Year 4 and Year 6 moving onto new schools in September, their feeder school should have now been in touch. We will be transferring information to their new school so they can prepare for their arrival.

In July, children would usually receive an end of year report. All children received a mid-year report in February which stated the attainment and progress for that child at that point in the year. Since school closed to almost all children on 20th March, there will be no further formal information to add to this report and no formal assessments to report one. Therefore, only leavers at the end of Year 4 and Year 6 will receive a report to mark the end of their journey at Swarland Primary School. We will be offering a Parent Consultation much earlier in the Autumn Term.

I have already sent a few links to children's books which discuss the Coronavirus. They were targeted for younger children. This latest link has a book aimed at older children and the illustrator Axel Scheffler, who illustrated the *Gruffalo* and other Julia Donaldson texts has provided the images.  
<https://axelscheffler.com/books-for-older-children/coronavirus>

The Local Authority has also asked us to share with you their updated padlet. This padlet is designed to be shared with parents. It is updated to provide a changing range of resources. It also includes our 'What's on this week' page including web and TV links appropriate to the week.  
[https://nlandeducation.padlet.org/gill\\_finch2/parents](https://nlandeducation.padlet.org/gill_finch2/parents)

Establishing a routine for children and having a goal a day may be beneficial for children according to recent studies. Therefore, some parents who are finding it difficult to motivate their children may also find the following link useful which helps plan the day for the child.

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Regards,

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