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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your family are keeping well.

The whole situation seems surreal, however at least the sun is shining today! It's very strange in school with no children, school isn't school without them. I am sure you are feeling a little overwhelmed by having your children at home and panicking about attempting schoolwork. Please don't! There is enough worry going on at the moment and situations like this genuinely bring things into perspective.

Please be clear that you are not expected to be home schooling your child/ren. Your main priority is to be there for your child at this difficult time, to love and support them. You are your child's primary educator and if you decide your child won't concentrate for certain tasks and periods of time, then do not worry. You are in control and you make the choices. Do not feel guilty or stressed. To make you feel a little better, schools haven't got a clue what they are doing either! If it was easy for parents to do this, we would all be out of a job. If you are trying to juggle working from home and trying to teach your children, then please be realistic, this sounds an impossible task. Set aside times to work with the children and then carry on with your normal work and tasks. They are important.

The school had no more notice than anyone else, no preparation time and we were told not to continue to plan lessons as normal and to close the school. However, we have tried the best we can in the short space of time to offer suggested activities and ideas for you to complete at home. Teachers are not expected to be setting any school work for the children but our teachers are amazing and haven't stopped working since last Friday. They have given you suggested ideas and activities because they are worried they are not giving you enough. Use them if you want to but don't feel you have to. Please be assured your child will not fall behind, as everyone is in the same position. They will benefit from practising some skills regularly e.g. things like reading, quick recall in maths e.g. times tables, free writing, art, some physical activity, connecting with friends on the phone/facetime, playing etc. but most of the things set in the packs are revision tasks.

The teachers have uploaded a timetable on to the school website, which may help give you some idea of how to plan your day. Please don't think you need to stick to it, it's just a suggestion. The school website now has a section called "School Closure – Homework Support" and we will upload anything we feel may be helpful here. The school facebook page also has some useful ideas and activities that you could use.

Once we have an idea of the current situation, we will start to communicate with parents and pupils more, but for now, continue with your packs and online activities.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Kind regards,

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**Headteacher**