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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the third week of this unusual term I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all on your flexibility and resilience.

Children, staff and parents have all embraced new routines, new technology and are all making the best of them.

What you are being asked to do; to parent, to engage in home learning and in many cases work from home all at the same time is not easy.

I hope everyone is becoming familiar with Google Classroom now. It has been lovely (even if a little chaotic!) to see children learning at home on Google Meets. We have been joined by cats and dogs too!

With the best will in the world however, no two days learning at home or school will ever give the same output. Some days will be far more productive than others. Trained teachers often feel this in school.

If learning is becoming tough or patience thin, put it aside for a time, take a walk together, sit down together and chat or play a game and come back to it later.

Please remember we are here to support you. Staff are rotated between supporting learners on Google Classroom or in the classroom.

Although the DfE and Ofsted have expectations of the learning provided and carried out over this period, please remember all of us are still human. Family life still goes on with all it brings and no two families are the same. Some days will feel easier than others.

At present there is no date for the return to normal schooling. Gavin Williamson has assured school leaders that he will make an announcement 'in time for plans to be made before half term'. School leaders hear this news the same time as the general public through the news and media. Of course we will keep you updated of what is happening in Gerrans School via email, school website and Facebook.

Well done to all of you, thank you for all you do, have a good weekend and hopefully see you all again very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Elvy

Headteacher

