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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well in these difficult times. I know that school closing has caused a great deal of anxiety and that some of you are wanting guidance as to what you can do to support your child's learning at home during the school closure.

The closure happened very quickly with little notice. During the last few days before we closed the teachers were able to send home some resources to support you over the first two weeks up until Easter. Mrs Parry has been able to keep in touch with children in EYFS using the 2Simple to Build a Profile software already in use.

Last week, when not in school providing childcare for our keyworkers, teaching staff were working hard to put together a more comprehensive package of resources and ideas to support home learning for after the Easter holidays. We are taking into account that not everyone will have access to the internet, printers etc. and are trying to make activities as open ended as possible. This work will continue over the next week and the resources will be put on the website as soon as possible. We will send a text message to let you know that they are there and ready to use.

I would like to stress, however, that we do not expect you to replicate the school day to home educate your child. Families are all in different situations, still balancing work (even if working from home) as well as full time child care and possibly caring for family and friends who are self-isolating.

If you have completed the resources that have already been sent home please just remember to read to and with your child and do 'fun' things such as baking, playing board games, gardening and arts & crafts. These all provide valuable learning opportunities. Alternatively there are a wealth of web based resources available that you can access, some of which were listed in the packs we sent home. Also Kirklees libraries have made it easier to join and you can now join on line to access over 20 000 free audio and e-books.

We will be in touch soon to let you know when the resources are ready and guidance on how to use them.

With best wishes

M Walker
Maggie

Upholding Christian values, together we ENJOY our learning, ENRICH our lives
and EXCEL by making the most of our talents and gifts