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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you are all well and starting to become familiar with the new system of remote learning from home. As a school we recognise that remote learning can be difficult for everyone. Circumstances in each home may vary significantly and we know that school face to face teaching cannot be replicated in every home, and we do not expect this to be. Here are few helpful points moving forward:

- You, as a family, have to find the best system that works for you.
- The work which the teachers are providing is a suggested list of activities, please don't feel you have to complete all of these as the children don't have to be busy working all day every day, we are not trying to replicate the school day.
- As a school we are trying to be flexible in our approach and find a way to accommodate all our children and families.
- We are working towards finding an appropriate balance of work for the children.
- At the moment we are providing two sessions on Google Meet for the children from P4-P7 as we feel these are important for the pupils pastorally so they can have face to face contact with their teacher. These, while important may not always be suitable for you or our child at times, so please don't feel under pressure to use them all.
- We understand that at times devices are being shared within households and we are understanding of this.
- As you know staff are providing supervised learning in school for children of key workers who have exhausted all other alternatives. Teachers are required to be on rota for this and this may impact on their online activities at times.
- Over the next few weeks one of our teachers will be making a pastoral telephone call to you to see how the children are coping and if we can offer any further support. We would appreciate any feedback that you can give.

As you can appreciate the safest way for our children to learn is through remote learning at home. Many of our staff are carers for vulnerable parents, children and other family members and are also parents. We too therefore, fully understand the stress and pressure home learning can place on families but we urge you to help us in what hopefully will be the last major lockdown for schools. Please remember we are all here to help and support you in these difficult times.

Regards

U Farrell
Principal