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Friday 27th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

All the staff of the academy join me in hoping that you and your families are staying well during these difficult times.

As you know, the teachers are setting work to support with distance learning, and our aim is that this is **supportive** for you. The last thing we would want is for you to be finding the current situation even more stressful than it needs to be by worrying about the tasks set for the children. I am aware, for example, that some of you have already experienced problems with your internet or have had difficulties printing out work for your child. We are looking in to *possible* printing solutions to support you but in the meantime, please do adapt tasks set by the teachers, to meet your child's needs and remember that there are many ways in which a child can learn.

We have been delighted with the work that the children are doing and with the support you are providing to ensure that they can learn at home. Thank you from us all. Please try not to feel overwhelmed by the amount of additional ideas and resources that are being shared by other parents, we do recognise that it is extremely difficult to facilitate distance learning with a primary aged child and work from home at the same time.

Ideally, we would like all of our pupils to complete the following activities across the week:

- Read every day
- Practice their spellings/sounds
- Complete a weekly writing task
- Complete weekly Mathletics activities and Timestable Rockstar practise (for some children)
- Complete a weekly topic activity

It is our intention that our office email will be monitored throughout the school day, all the while that the staff are well enough to come to school. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns and we will do our best to respond to your queries as soon as we are able to. Likewise, your child can contact their teacher via eschools.

Remember, minimising stress is vital for all of us. Stay safe everyone.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Svenson Headteacher