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Dear Parents/ Carers,

First of all, thank you for your patience and understanding last week as we all came to terms with another national lockdown. So many of you have shared your kind words and thoughts at this time and it really does make a difference to us. We **will** get through this - by working together, being kind and communicating with each other.

We have all had to adapt quickly- literally overnight – to the new way of learning, both at home and in school. We won't get everything right first time, but we will always try to do our best by the children. Please remember that staff are doing their jobs to the best of their ability while trying to keep themselves and their own families safe too. All members of staff have been amazing in working with such determination to prepare for the children. They are now becoming accustomed to working in this manner!

All of the staff and myself also appreciate the support you are providing at home now for you children through remote learning, whether that is via digital or paper-based learning. We are also delighted with the engagement of pupils who are accessing home learning, with almost all accessing what the school is offering and the vast majority submitting work back to the teacher, where applicable.

During this lockdown the focus is very much on the education of the children. The school is open for children of critical workers or those children deemed as vulnerable. All staff are expected to attend and children are being taught by their own teacher with support from teaching assistants. Learning will continue to follow our curriculum and, where possible, will be mirrored by learning at home. Teachers may have to change the focus slightly for home if resources are not available.

During this period of lock down, please be assured that our key priorities are:

- Keeping children, families, staff and everyone safe during the worst pandemic in a lifetime
- Ensuring your children continue to receive a good education in the most challenging of times.

However, we do need your help and support to deliver this; in return we will always be here to support you in any way we can.

Stay in touch and thank you.

Mrs Waplinton

