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Dear Parent / Carer,

Term begins again today, although obviously we continue to work under quite unusual circumstances and these are likely to continue for the rest of this half term at least.

We will therefore continue to send the home daily learning proformas via email detailing your child's learning. Based on feedback from parents and the release of new resources on the internet, these may look ever so slightly different from before.

The first change is based on parental feedback- many parents found structured English and Maths lessons for every day of the week too much. It is for this reason we are leaving Friday as a more open ended day with more general tasks to be completed including finishing off, editing and improving work from earlier in the week, as well as having another go at something from earlier in the week. This reflects how we would work in term time a little more too- pupils should reflect upon their efforts of the week, recognise where they've struggled and make the relevant improvements to ensure their work is the best it can be!

The second change you may find is that we direct you to relevant websites a little more- in particular the BBC Bitesize page has now been revamped over the Easter break specifically to support parents and pupils with home learning during this time. A link has been provided here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary
The education secretary also made reference to The Oak National Academy yesterday which could be useful once it launches.
Teachers may use these sites alongside other quality resources, but they are created with the intention of supplementing schools' own plans. Of course, if you are looking for additional resources, both sites could prove useful.

As before, I am keen to stress that we absolutely recognise every family's situation as unique. What we are sending home is recommended home learning, but will need to be adapted based on your unique circumstances and we understand and expect that. Some parents may want more. I am keen to direct you to our home learning website if so: https://sites.google.com/nsix.org.uk/scarninghomelearning
We are constantly updating it with new website links and resources so please have a look!

Equally, some families may find their situations more complex and are not always able to do everything recommended and we understand this. Please do not worry. Our advice would be, as is always is, prioritise reading. Read with your child regardless of age, take it in turns, encourage reading alone and encourage brothers and sister to read together. Read stories, read web sites, read the First News newspaper, read letters. Simple tasks like writing like a diary entry together, and copying text to practise handwriting will make a massive difference too. Again, I want to stress that we recognise every family's situation as unique and we expect this to be the case- schools across the country will be braced for this when we return back to school full time.

Please remember also, that learning takes many forms- play **is** a form of learning! I've also heard from some of our pupils who are building bird houses, helping with the gardening, learning a new language and creating their own comic

books! These are all wonderful ideas! I've attached an article with some tips here: https://www.theguardian.com/education/2020/mar/23/let-your-kids-get-bored-emergency-advice-from-teachers-on-schooling-at-home#maincontent

As ever, we are here to support you so if there is anything you would like further guidance with, please do just get in touch. Class teachers are happy to be contacted with any questions as am I, and we will respond during school hours. And please continue to share your child's work with us. There was some incredible learning at home last term and we're incredibly proud of, and grateful for, the efforts of everyone involved!

Keep looking after each other and hopefully it won't be too much longer before we can open our doors again,

Stuart Howell

Deputy Headteacher