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Dear Parents/ Carers,

RE: Home Learning

We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive well done to all of our pupils for their hard-work, dedication and determination throughout this period of school closures. We've seen all sorts of fantastic things taking place- pupils who have followed Joe Wicks' work outs religiously, creative writing and poetry about rainforests, beautiful stone painting, bird-box building, excellent discipline with problem solving in maths, wonderful double page posters on a whole range of topics from the Egyptians to football teams to meerkats, dancing and singing as part of the Big Sing, alongside many, many other activities.

And we would also like to say thank you and well done to you, parents and carers. We understand it has not been easy, and we hope you have found the planning provided useful and informative. It was never going to be easy, and at times, it's been frustrating. We had hoped, and had made plans for all pupils to return in some capacity before the summer, but for various reasons, this was not able to happen.

Every family is different and I stressed this at the start of school closures back in March. Every family situation is unique, and the amount and type of home learning achieved will be different. We expect this, and understand it has not been straight forward. Rest assured, upon school's reopening in September, we will assess pupils and will adapt our curriculum accordingly to ensure all pupils are supported in returning back to some form of normality, and to help them progress fully with their education.

There is no doubt that home learning, while admirably embraced by the families of Scarning, needs freshening up, particularly as we come towards the end of a long 7 and a ½ week half term. General feedback from phone conversations home to all pupils recently has seen a general request for a slight change and therefore we are planning for the following:

Week of the 6th July

Each year group, other than Y1 and Y6, will plan for some form of week-long project to immerse in.

Week of 13th July

Teachers of current classes will plan a range of auto-biographical activities, that will then be passed to their new teachers for September so that pupils have a chance to 'introduce themselves' in the absence of more formal transition this year.

20/21 July

To be confirmed but we hope to put together packs of activities and learning games that can be accessed on these days and beyond into the summer holidays. We will up-date the home learning website to reflect this too.

Please be aware that pupils will continue to have access to MyMaths, Time Table Rocks Stars, Purple Mash, BBC Bitesize, The Oak Academy, and IDL over the remaining couple of weeks and beyond should you want to continue using them. There will also be our usual summer reading challenge which I am certainly looking forward too!

Again, I would like to say a thank you and well-done to all our pupils and families for their hard-work, excellent learning, and shining positivity throughout what has been a difficult and unsettling time. Although it would be naïve to think things will go straight back to normal, we are certainly planning for and looking forward to every child's return in September!

As ever, please do contact me with any questions or thoughts that arise.

Kind regards,

Stuart Howell

Deputy Headteacher