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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your continued support of our school. We have really valued your comments, ideas and thoughtful responses on Class Dojo or through emails and messages

This half term has been an extremely challenging time for everyone, and we wish to thank those of you who have had to educate your children at home for the last 6 weeks, and thank you for all your efforts. We thoroughly appreciate the difficulties you face. Home is a completely different environment to school, and many children respond differently in their home environment. Some of you are juggling several children and are also working from home. Hats off to you for managing this. It is not easy, and some days will be more successful than others. Just do what you can, don't put yourselves under too much pressure, and remember that you are only human after all.

We also want to take the time to thank the essential Key Workers, including school staff, who have been critical to the Covid response. Thank you for your selfless dedication and indomitable spirit that has kept you persevering throughout the pandemic.

School is very different in this lockdown compared to the same time last year. We have many more children on site for a start! We are only allowed to have those children in school who meet the criteria set by the government. All Key Worker parents should be abiding by the 'intent' of the lockdown, and only sending their child to school if their role is crucial to the Covid response, and they have no other childcare options.

As we have more children at school, all available members of school staff have been on site, so that we can keep classes smaller. This minimises the risk to the children, staff and the wider community. We have had a few positive cases of coronavirus in school, and 'bubbles' have had to go home to isolate each time.

Our teachers have been working extremely hard. They have been juggling teaching all day in school, with setting work and responding to Dojo messages from the children who are remote learning. Our remote learning plan has developed considerably since the first lockdown, and I know from your feedback that many of you are finding this supportive. As always, please do contact the school if you have any problems or need any further help. You can do this via Class Dojo, or by contacting the school office by phone or email. We are here to help.

I wish you all a good half term, hopeful that we will soon hear the news that we are allowed to welcome all our children back soon. We miss you all.

Mrs Fiona Daykin  
Headteacher