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Dear Parents and Carers,

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We are now at the end of the first school week with children at home. This has been a steep learning curve for us all and I thank you for your support, patience and understanding for what the school is developing to allow pupils to continue their learning from home.

From Monday, we will be publishing learning for each year group on our school website as well as on Teams. The work will be available to view or download first thing each morning by selecting 'Our Classes' and then your child's year group and will be updated daily. The aim of this is to make it easier for parents and carers to access activities to support learning at home. Lots of pupils have been using Microsoft Teams and this will continue to be a great way of communicating between school and home and vice versa. The work that is published on Teams and the website will be the same but **if you are able to access Teams we would encourage you to use this**. Nursery will continue to use Tapestry as their way of communicating with home.

It has also been great to see the communication between children and their teachers. With the increased use of the Internet and children at home, I am attaching useful safety guidance sheets for parents and children. Please take the time to read them and share with your children as appropriate. Teachers are muting the chat feature outside of school hours so please do not worry if you do not get an immediate response. Alongside planning activities and looking at completed work, they are also undertaking a range of other activities linked to their roles in school.

I have attached a help sheet for parents which gives some really good practical advice about how to support your child whilst working at home. As a parent of a teenager and two children under 7 myself, I know that this is no easy task! Hopefully you find the resource useful.

Finally, we will be launching our own Facebook page early next week. I know that many parents are regular users of Facebook and this will be another way that we can communicate effectively with you. Further details will follow early next week.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family well.

Best wishes

Matthew Reetz
Principal

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