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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the sixth week of lockdown, a very strange time not only for our school community but for the whole world. I hope you are all keeping safe and that you, and your families, are keeping well.

Class teachers are endeavouring to keep in touch with every child once a week to see how they are getting on and to check whether their families need help from school staff in anyway. For most families, this will be by the class teacher via ClassDojo. If a class teacher has had no contact from a family via ClassDojo, they will try ringing. Teachers are often telephoning from home or on their own mobile devices, hence have withheld their numbers.

We have had lots of positive feedback from parents and carers about the learning tasks that have been set up and the links on the 'Activities and Ideas Online' page of our website. These are updated weekly, so please keep checking back. However, it is becoming more challenging setting work for a class after six weeks of no face to face contact, so if home learning can be improved in anyway as we go forward, please do not hesitate to feedback to your child's class teacher.

We continue to update our website with the guidance released by the government. This includes the document, 'Help primary school children continue their education during coronavirus' which offers advice about structuring the day and using digital devices.

Remember, you cannot replicate a school day at home. Grasp every opportunity for learning through practical activities and being together. Do everything you can to help your child remember this time as a magical time spent with loved adults, where everyone had time to be together.

We keep you all in our prayers both at home, and when we are in school, and very much look forward to us all being together again.

Kind regards,

Kelly Dunne Headteacher

