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Additional aspects to Home Learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the ninth week of school operating very differently I would like to outline some additional aspects to Home Learning.

Over the period we have received many messages about how home learning is being received. Some feel that not enough is being sent, some feel that it is appropriate and some feel that it is far too much. I am well aware that schools and even different classes will be compared with one another. Everyone has been on a journey and IT skills have certainly developed and are continuing to do so. We are continually adapting to comments made and working hard to ensure that we take account of the different needs of families. As you can imagine this is very challenging as what is right for one family is not right for another.

To support families that feel they need more activities we have added a new category on the school website titled 'Home Learning'. This can be found within the tab Teaching and Learning then select classes, then select your child's class, then click on the star titled Home Learning. Within this link you will find additional activities for Maths, Spelling Punctuation and Grammar and the Wider Curriculum. We envisage that these are totally optional at this point and it is to be stressed that there is no pressure to complete them. If you and your child wish to complete the additional activities, then you can take a photo of their learning and send it to their class teacher. They have not been set specifically by your class teacher as responsibilities have been shared throughout the staff team. We will continue to add relevant information and tasks to these pages so please keep an eye out.

We have been exploring how to support your child through video links however as a Trust we have very clear safeguarding protocols which at this point do not enable this.

The home learning will continue within the Google Classroom and we are encouraged by the positive support that has been shared from both children and parents alike.

It is very much at the forefront of our minds regarding children's home learning and we will continue to adapt as we move into what would be the last half term of the year.

Kind regards

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