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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to write to you following our first week of this very different and difficult situation we all find ourselves in. I am aware that many of you are in different positions with regards to supporting your children and are working hard to deal with the current arrangements that are in place. Whether you are managing to work from home, supporting your children with learning or you are a key worker that is still attending a work place, Stanwick Primary are here to support you.

In any home situation currently, please be reminded that you are not expected to fulfil all requirements of a normal school day. If you are able to do this, then let me express how extremely impressed I am, and remind you that we are more than happy to support you to continue along your teaching path. Many of you may be wondering how you should manage to achieve everything in a day that you may normally do, as well as teach your children in the right ways and for the right amount of time. I want to let you know that this is not mine or the school's expectations of you to provide copious hours of maths and English learning. You are at home - this can be one difficulty in itself. The children are potentially feeling unsettled that they are not in their usual learning environment and around their peers.

Academic Learning

The children have been set a range of work. This pack is not to complete in one go, or to complete all of it. It is our way of providing a range of activities and learning resources to try and make this situation that little bit easier for you. Please dip in and out as much as you feel necessary for your child's learning. We do ask that the children are still completing some maths and English work each day to keep their minds working and their knowledge improving. Please do not feel any pressure to do this in a strict structure if that does not suit your child, or your family.

Remember that learning happens everywhere. It is more than sitting at a table completing work. Explore learning opportunities around your home, engage in discussion, research and activities. Just increasing the love of learning,

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exploration and enthusiasm that your children show us each day – this is all we ask for.

Family Time

You are the most important people to your children. They enjoy your time and engagement. We currently find ourselves in a situation where we are spending more time in the home with family members and everyone is adjusting to this time together. I urge you to take full advantage of this. Take those special moments together; watch a film, play in the garden or get creative with their learning together. Whatever you choose to do, know that your children are forever grateful of your time and in this difficult time, that is what they will remember after this is long gone and your children return to school.

Keep up the good work

I am immensely proud of the children that you send to school each day. I miss them, their teachers miss them and most importantly, I am sure they miss each other. None of us have any doubts that each and every one of you will be doing your best to support your child whilst Stanwick Primary is closed. Please remember to be kind to yourselves and that we are all here to support you. No contact is too little or too big.

Lastly, please be reminded that we appreciate all of the support you give to us at school and now is the time for us to give the support back to you, so do take full advantage! I look forward to seeing many of you at the school gates in the future and hearing about your unique experiences.

Kind regards,

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