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Dear Parents/Carers,

As ever, I hope you are all well and taking good care of yourselves.

I want to say a huge thank you for supporting your child with their home-learning. You have done an amazing job, especially those of you juggling working from home and with more than one child to support with learning tasks. Having spoken to several parents now, I would like to reassure you that working 1:1 with your child is intense for both of you and you cannot replicate the timings of a school day. One parent said they only managed up to keep going till lunchtime. This is actually plenty. If you do not feel that you have done as much as you would have liked, I hope you felt reassured by Wednesday's letter. As I have said before, both you and your child's wellbeing is the most important thing to focus on. Please ensure your children have a break from school work next week as the children will need to feel refreshed and motivated for next term.

A few parents have asked about having more interactive online learning sessions. We understand the advantages of this to your child and have been looking into various ways to enhance what we are providing but it is unlikely in the near future that we will have 'live' teaching sessions. What we will trial, however, is videoing an input for certain subjects next term.

I hope you have all received your child's school report by now. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss the report. A comments page has been added if you would like to respond to the report and your child was set a home-learning task to complete their reflections on their time in the class. For additional copies of the report, for parents not living with their child, please email the office: [office@barham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@barham.kent.sch.uk) with your present address. Thank you.

Next week, the school will be closed so there will be no correspondence from me. I will be checking emails from Friday, should you need to contact me.

Thank you once more for your support and understanding in these uncertain times. I wish you all a good break from being your child's 'classroom' teacher and I will be in touch again on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Al Higgins'.

Headteacher

