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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I hope you are all managing to keep well and that you are looking after yourselves and your loved ones. As a school we remain open for the children of key workers and hope to continue with this provision for as long as we possibly can, including holiday periods.

We have been blessed with lovely weather this week so I hope you have managed to take advantage of it as much as possible. Please do not feel you are alone when it comes to the home-learning. If you are having any trouble with any of the online material, please contact the office or your child's teacher directly – they will be giving you their school email addresses if they haven't already done so. We know from our homework surveys that we are unlikely to please all parents in terms of the quantity but as we all have to adjust to new working patterns and self-isolation, do not fret over school work at the moment. The most important thing is to keep safe and healthy. As we have often mentioned, reading to your child or letting them listen to an audio book is the one thing I would advise you to definitely make time for but please do not worry about how much your child should or shouldn't be doing - we understand that every family will approach things differently, depending on their individual circumstances. The academic curriculum is only a part of what we do at school. Getting children to help around the house, talk lots, use their imaginations, solve problems, think about big questions, help make food, spend time with siblings etc is all still learning.

You will not receive a newsletter this week, however, there will be a weekly newsletter for your children (sent separately) as we still have much to celebrate in the school and they are going to get a unique chance to find out more about what the staff were like as children. We hope you enjoy it too.

Finally, I hope my previous email about supermarket vouchers did not mislead some of you into thinking you would receive one if your child has the universal infant free school meals. It is purely for those families whose income is below a certain threshold. Apologies if that was not clear. These vouchers should arrive today if you meet the criteria.

Please take good care of yourselves and do let the school know if there is anything further we can do to help or support you.

Best wishes

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

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