

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 4th May, 2020.

It has been brought to my attention that some families may be feeling that our communications regarding home challenges and learn packs may be causing some anxiety. I would like to assure you that this is absolutely not the intention.

I would like to make clear that the themes, activities and learn packs sent home and available on line are for ideas and for use to help support your child at home, if and when you are able. We have tried to provide a wide range of activities some paper and pencil based, some online to choose from, to suit your differing circumstances and availability of resources. Care has been taken by the teachers to provide ideas for activities and themes to follow if parents would like some steer for learning.

There is no expectation for a completion of all tasks nor is it intended to make families feel that if activities weren't looked at or completed then the children would fall behind. We are trying to support families at home.

I do understand every family set up is different and there are individual challenges for all, especially if parents are working from home and supporting younger siblings at home too.

We are in unprecedented times and it is difficult, whilst communicating to all, that the right balance can be struck for all.

I would like to assure you that the intention of the teachers monitoring online activity is in order to be able to gauge the uptake (whether too much or not enough) and if any changes need to be made, there is no tracking of activity for individual pupils, we are trying to ensure families have support. Not all families have access to online activities, others have older children who are taking precedence over the use of maybe only one device at home, we are very aware of these anomalies.

I believe the overriding approach to support the well-being of your children is of the utmost priority at this time. I do understand the diverse situations of our families and it is up to each to find the right balance for them and a sense of reasonableness in their own circumstances. The children's well-being and happiness is paramount, especially in these times.

I would like to assure you that there is no pressure to complete all the work, our intention has been to give a variety of activities and ideas to choose from, not an expectation that all is completed.

I do hope this will give some reassurance to you all.

Kind regards,



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