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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your understanding and support at this difficult time. We are trying to keep you updated with developments and changes as they happen through email, the website, Twitter feed, our App, texting and the unofficial Facebook page. I would just like to offer some reassurance to many of us who are feeling anxious and overwhelmed at the moment.

- This is a worldwide emergency that we as a country are reacting to. Keeping your child at home at this time is very different from 'home schooling'. The websites and work that we send home will not fill your child's day- they are suggestions and ideas they are not compulsory and must be approached at times when both you and your child want to do them.
- You are, and have always been the main educator of your child. If you decide that your child would not enjoy an activity that is sent home and is going to play in the back garden, bake a cake, or watch TV that is fine- don't stress about it- keep your child (and yourself) happy- you know best.
- If you are working from home it is impossible to try to educate your child as well- you need to focus on your job and survival that is far more important now and will be when we get through this!
- The home learning links are being updated frequently on the website. It is impossible for us to get paper copies of everything to you so we are trying to share as many links as possible. There are plenty of Apps, websites and videos that are being offered free anything to interest your child is fine.
- Every child in the country is in the same position- they will not fall behind- when they return to school the teachers will teach from where they are then- it is what we are trained to do.

Please encourage your child to email their teacher at least once a week to let them know what you have been doing, it doesn't just have to be about school work. Send us photos and videos as well as messages – we are missing you all. The class emails are: eyfs@perryhallmat.co.uk

- bb.y1homelearning@perryhallmat.co.uk
- bb.y2homelearning@perryhallmat.co.uk
- bb.y3homelearning@perryhallmat.co.uk
- bb.y4homelearning@perryhallmat.co.uk
- bb.y5homelearning@perryhallmat.co.uk
- bb.y6homelearning@perryhallmat.co.uk

You are doing all you can – you are loving and supporting your child through this time-accept that it is what it is and please don't worry too much about the work that you child may or may not be completing.

We are operating on a skeleton staff in school to protect all of us but we are still providing childcare for critical workers and vulnerable children. If you need to speak to us please phone or email to stay safe. If you child is attending school please follow social distancing measures and enhanced hygiene, including tying back hair.

Arrangements for next week's Free School Meals will be sent out as soon as I have them and we will be putting social distancing measures in place for collection,

Please get in touch if you need anything and encourage your child to email their teacher. Stay Safe!

Regards

**Mrs Barnes**