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## Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you and your families are all well and that you enjoyed Easter as much as possible in these exceptional times.

## **Home Learning Menu**

The teachers have been busy during the last two weeks creating a 'Home learning menu' for each of the classes, which can be found on the school website under the 'Children' tab. We will be uploading a new one of these each Monday for the week ahead for each class, and it will contain links to various activities as well as the Purple Mash website.

# **Purple Mash**

We know that some children are less familiar with using Purple Mash – and others are busy completing a whole range of tasks on there! In the coming days we will be uploading guidance for parents on the use of the site. Mrs Quick is currently busy working on this.

#### Challenges of home learning!

We understand that every family is unique and different and we all have our own challenges at the moment including parents working from home, to different ages of siblings all trying to work or play at the same time, to having one laptop or tablet or just finding it tough to get your child to sit down and engage with a task! It is really not our intention to overwhelm you with lots of extra things to do, rather, we want to offer a range of options so that you can choose the tasks that you think your child would enjoy most and that work best for you as a family. We would really welcome your feedback on the activities that we have planned so that we can make changes or plan more of the same! We would also love to see what the children have been doing at home.

It is also so important for the children to have lots of time for fun and exercise, especially at the moment. The Joe Wicks live streamed workout (9am YouTube) makes a great start to the day. You might find that your child works best doing tasks in short bursts with a break between tasks or maybe that you have time set aside in the morning for school work and then they choose their own activities or just play in the afternoon.

#### Staff emails

The staff email addresses can be found on the class pages on the website – please get in contact if you have any questions or concerns.

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During the next couple of weeks, a member of staff from school will give each family a call to see how you are getting on. Please be aware that this will show as a 'no caller id' on your phone. We're not checking up on you, but just want to offer our support if we can.

### **School Website**

We are regularly adding to the school website and we wanted to remind you where some of the support and information can be found.

Under the 'Parents' tab there is a section on 'Learning at home' with lots of ideas of websites you can visit.

Under the 'Children' tab there are all the class pages and these contain messages from staff, staff email addresses and also the 'Home Learning Menu' from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Under the 'News' tab there is a link to 'Picture News' and also a weekly challenge to display in your windows!

Please get in touch with us if we can help with anything at all. We love to see your photos and videos. We are really missing seeing all the children and being at school!

Please stay safe and follow guidance from the Government.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Foster Headteacher