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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of what has been a very strange and in many ways challenging term I am writing to thank you for the tremendous support you have shown your children and the school. I know that you will have been supporting, encouraging and cajoling your children to engage with the online tasks and challenges that teachers have been setting, trying to keep business as normal routines going and looking after their mental, physical and emotional well being. I'm sure there has been laughter, fall outs, make ups, tears, new ways of connecting with your children...just like a typical day at school really! Please know that our staff are on hand to do all they can to support you and your children during these unprecedented time.

So we are now nearing the Easter Holidays. Once again the next two weeks will be very different from holidays we have been used to in the past. Our staff too will be taking a very well earned break from managing remote learning and will not be posting work during the holidays. The same goes for you and your children. There is no need for pupils to engage in formal learning during the holidays and I hope this takes some of the pressure off of you too. I hope you are able to use the time to relax and have fun as a family within the restrictions that are placed on us all. Watch movies together, listen to music together, cook together, exercise together and read together. If your children have not already done so please get them to watch the virtual assembly that we posted on the school website for some very important reminders about keeping safe and looking after themselves and others. We'll be posting some ideas for family activities on the school twitter feed. The school email inbox will be monitored daily during the holidays so if you need to get in touch with us that is the best way to do it.

Watch this space after the holidays as we will provide further updates. Teachers will be updating work and getting in touch with pupils via the virtual classrooms many of them have set up after the holidays. We'll be in touch with you about the "virtual" change of timetable so that pupils can begin to access new classes and coursework and get a real head start on their work. We'll also provide SQA updates and updates from Angus Council as soon as we get them.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and resilience and your commitment to being part of Team Forfar.

Hang on in there, be safe and take care.

Kas Mohamed
Head Teacher