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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe, well and in the best spirits possible during this extremely challenging time. We are very aware that this virus is affecting our pupils, staff, families and community in a multitude of ways, physically, socially, emotionally, and financially. We are here to help and support you during this time and can signpost you to services that can help in all types of circumstances. Please contact me and do not try to struggle on alone. (See the Link directly to the council services and supports: <https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/CouncilAndGovernment/Coronavirus/Coronavirus-useful-links.aspx>)

As a staff we acknowledge that there are complex situations within every household and not every parent is able to work from home and may still be going out to work. Nor is everyone able to balance being a care giver, chef, instructor, technician and supporter, as well as being positive and upbeat when their children are asking questions that they don't have answers for.

**Please be aware we do not expect you to teach.** Staff are providing ideas and activities to continue and revise work learnt and in so doing, providing a depth and continuity in learning, in a remote crisis provision. All we are asking is that you give the children time and space to do something, keeping to a routine so that when we return we will be able to help them to continue to achieve from where they are.

If that is the work set by the teacher, great.

If that is following a recipe to help with dinner, fabulous. (Following instructions is literacy, weighting and measuring is maths and developing life skills all included in one activity)

If that is sitting reading any type of reading material for half an hour, brilliant.

We know this is difficult. Remember you are your child's first teacher. You taught them to walk, talk, share, get dressed and many more skills so please do not feel your child will "fall behind" during this time. Hopefully they will remember this time in their lives as time spent with you at home where you focused on slowing down and on health and exercise. If you are stressed about school work they will be more likely to become so as well.

This is an ever changing situation which is unpredictable and therefore stressful. We do not know how long this will continue and who will be directly or indirectly impacted. However, please understand, we are all in this together and we will get through it together.

Please stay safe, keep well and keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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