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Dear Parent/Carer,

CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING 7

☺ Good morning everyone, I hope this wee newsletter finds you fine and well. Today is the end of term for our pupils - a term like no other! We have been away from school for the best part of a fortnight now and I do hope that you have found the pastoral and educational support provided by school staff some help and assistance as you work and play with your child(ren) at home. We have tried to be clear in our advice and approach that home is **not** the same as a classroom, that '**routine**' is vital and that a **balance** has to be reached between school work and play-based 'real-life' activities. Everyone is in a unique position of course, but a positive approach with each child, looking for the many **opportunities** to enjoy creative, active and fun family-time together is certainly a **silver lining** of this current situation. Above all, our young people's **emotional and physical well-being** has been at the heart of our approach with our boys and girls, and you the parents/carers.

We have been **keeping in contact** with a large number of our families just to see how people are doing and to see if we can help in any way. It has been lovely to hear the many stories about how positive, robust and resilient our Annick  community has been in light of the challenges we currently face. We shall continue to make contact with you over the coming weeks and months (it seems to be much appreciated), but if there is any issue you would like to discuss with myself or my team, then please don't hesitate in **contacting the school by email**. We shall get back to you.

I wonder if I could encourage you to encourage your child(ren) to give the class teacher **some sort of indication** when some of the daily work programme is being tackled. A wee comment back, or 'thumbs-up'  even, lets us know that some activity is taking place. Many boys and girls are sending multiple emails in their Glow class group and we are loving this interaction. Notwithstanding the 'balanced approach' I discussed above, I am keen to ensure that all our pupils are **engaged** to some extent in some core curricular activities.

Looking forward, we shall be sending some low-key 'rich tasks' home today or tomorrow for you to enjoy with your children over the Spring Break - if you wish. Whether you tackle these or not, I wish you a safe and relaxing holiday at home. I have always said to my staff and to parents that my job is to help your children to be as literate and numerate as possible and to ensure their health and well-being. But the greatest part of these aims is to keep our children **safe**. At the end of all this, if we are all safe and well, that will do me. Keep well everyone!

Best wishes,
Stuart Brown
Headteacher.