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REMOTE LEARNING IN TERM 4

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter holidays and managed to take advantage of the good weather. We are in lockdown for another three weeks so our remote learning journey will continue. Teaching staff will, as before, email and share tasks via your child's GLOW account the night before.

During remote learning it would be greatly appreciated if you could encourage your child to check in with their teacher or myself every couple of days. Please email/tweet photos of the children at work and play and I will collate these pictures into a weekly slideshow for Twitter. I have decided to do a weekly Gateside Twitter Challenge but will continue to retweet any others I think you may find interesting.

The staff would like to promote reading every day and that can take many forms e.g. reading together, reading to a younger sibling/pet, listening to an audio book, reading the newspaper/magazine with an adult or older sibling. Bug Club is an excellent online resource where teachers have selected specific books for individuals based on their ability. Why not build in a whole family reading time at some point during the day?

I would also like to reiterate that we are aware families are working from home during this challenging time. We also know that learning from home is NOT the same as learning in school and it is important that we are proportionate and sensible in our approach to delivering remote education to our children. Please do what suits your family best when completing activities set by the teachers. When you have to pick, because at some point you will, choose connection. Pick playing a game over arguing over an academic task. Pick teaching your child to do laundry rather than feeling frustrated that they aren't helping. Pick laughing, and snuggling, and reminding them that they are safe. Health and wellbeing is our main priority in these uncertain times.

The teachers will email your child their work this evening, ready to start on Monday 20 April. We are online most of the school day so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to support you and our young people.

The start of term 4 may be challenging but we will get through this together.

Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Head Teacher

