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Dear Parent/Carer,

A Letter from your School

I am writing this letter to you in what are unprecedented and ever changing times and to update you on how we, your child's school and early years centre, intend to continue to support you and your children throughout this period of uncertainty.

Following the First Minister's announcement yesterday, staff and I are currently thinking about and planning ways in which we can support you at home with your children's care and learning. We really appreciate that this will be a difficult and challenging time for you and your children for a great many reasons. I would sincerely ask that you do not worry or stress about your child's learning at this point. Your children may be worried and anxious about what's going on in the world at the moment, and their wellbeing is crucial, so spend some time with your children listening to their concerns and worries and reassure them. Whatever may be, I do not expect you and your child to learn together in a typical school day routine. Learning takes place in many different ways. Attached to this letter are some brief ideas about activities, which will help your children to continue with their learning.

We want to keep in touch with you and your children during the closure and have identified some ways in which this can happen. Your child has been given his/her Glow log in details and from here they can access some remote learning. Alternatively, staff will have given you their contact details for you to get in touch with them. We will continue to keep you informed through our school blog pages or Facebook page (Ballantrae Early Years, Colmonell Parents) and if you wish to contact me at any time, my details are at the top of this letter.

Over the next two weeks, I intend to be in school, during school hours and can be contacted here, if you need support or have any questions. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Staff have also said that they would like to keep in touch with you and your children via an occasional phone call. Mrs Byers will send you a text message via the Expressions App, asking for your permission to share your contact details with your child's teacher, so that they can keep in touch with you.

We have collected some bits and pieces of learning activities, which are being sent home with your child. Please complete these at a time, which suits you. They are there as tasks which are straightforward and require minimal support, and should be light-hearted and fun to do. We have included ideas, resources, books to read, jotters and workbooks and will continue to add to this list via daily/weekly updates on the Blog or Facebook. If we are in school, I am happy to have this as a resource hub, if you require materials for projects at home.

Children's wellbeing and safety will continue to be a priority for me and school staff. If you are concerned in any way, or need support please get in touch.

I wish you and yours well during these strange times. Look after yourselves and your wee people, all of whom we will miss and continue to care about.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Yvonne Templeton'.

Head Teacher