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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I know this is a really difficult time for you all and it has been very strange and quiet in school. There are only a few children in school who cannot find childcare elsewhere and parents are keyworkers. Most staff now are able to work on a rota and I would like to thank all the parents who are now trying to work from home with your children there too. In school, we have been completing Joe Wicks and I am still aching from last week's workout and we have also been completing rainbow inspired art work. This week's theme is sunshine so why not see if you can complete some sunshine inspired art work at home and send it through to me to put in our school memory book.

I hope the children are enjoying some of their home learning activities. Teachers provided enough learning for two weeks and this should be completed on the sheets or the exercise book that was provided. Teachers are keen to see the work and this can be sent via email to the teachers if you wish. Teachers are also available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. We will not be asking your child/children to complete any work over the Easter holidays.

Following the Easter break, if the schools are still closed, a new list of activities will appear on the website for the week each Monday with a message from your teacher. Please check the class webpage as well for useful websites that can be used to extend your child's learning.

During the school closure, if you are having difficulty and feeling stressed with the added pressure of now being a teacher to your child/children, please remember that the children do not need to complete all the work. Read with your child, cook with them, play with them and above all keep being the kind, caring role model your child needs during this difficult time. Please do not worry about your child regressing in school. Every child is in the same position and they will all be fine. When we are back in the classroom, we will all work hard together and meet the needs of where they are.

Some of our children are quite worried and scared right now. They hear the news stories and sense the tension and anxiety. None of us have ever experienced anything like this before. Although the idea of being off school might sound fun, the reality of being trapped in your house and unable to see friends and family is not fun. At the end of the day your child's mental wellbeing and health will be more important than how much work they have completed.



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My weekly challenge for children this week is to make a bed from scratch. This includes putting on a new sheet and duvet cover. We see children do every year at Robinwood and it is a skill that children really struggle with. Is your child up for the challenge? Parents, I am sure you will be able to capture some funny moments on camera of this process- send them in to school.

Here at school, the staff are all missing the children and I certainly hope that we will all be back together soon.

Please stay safe and stay at home to support our NHS.

Mrs Longstaff and the Britannia Staff