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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, today we have re-opened school for children who have parents who are key workers. The children have been organised into small learning bubbles to help us to reduce even further the spread of infection.

We have now made a whole-school shift to our 'remote learning' policy. This means that we are providing daily learning for all children whether they are in school or at home. We hope that you will be able to support your child/ren to engage in some or all of this learning.

The learning that is being provided on Seesaw mirrors that which the children who are currently in school are doing. You will find that a mixture of different curriculum opportunities are being provided throughout the week.

For children who are learning from home, daily tasks are being uploaded on to Seesaw. These can be done in any order and at any time of the day. Class teaching teams will be checking Seesaw throughout each school day to provide feedback and support for this learning. Please encourage and help your child to upload completed work so that the teachers can assess how well they have done. If there is anything that you or your child are uncertain of, please send a message via Seesaw and someone will do their best to support you. If you are having difficulties accessing any of the learning, please let us know and we will do our very best to help to solve the problem.

If you require any resources – work books, stationery etc, again, let us know and we will be able to provide this for you.

As with the previous lockdown, we only ask that you and your children do your best with this learning. We know that there will be some days when your child will find things difficult and you might not know the best way to support them. We want your focus to remain on a happy and calm home life and we recognise that the current restrictions could be putting a huge amount of additional pressure on to you, without even having to think about home learning.

Make a Difference

As you know, our school ethos is built around our Make a Difference values. Each week we hold a celebration of children who have earned an award in school for demonstrating our school 'Make a Difference' values.

The different values which we focus on are; Resilience, Responsibility, Respect, Focus, Teamwork and Compassion. If you would like to nominate your child for a Make a Difference award for demonstrating these values at home, please let us know. Send a message via Seesaw or email which tells us the value that you would like them to have a certificate for and the reasons why.

Some examples of reasons for the different values could be;

Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sticking at a task even though they found it hard • Starting something again because they didn't get it right first time and then completing it • Following advice on how to make something even better
Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following instructions at home • Using good manners • Sharing with a brother or sister



Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting up and on with their learning every morning without being asked • Keeping their bedroom/workspace tidy • Helping to make breakfast/lunch/tea
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentrating hard on something – a piece of learning, a lego model, a colouring etc • Ignoring distractions and getting on
Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing with a brother or sister • Helping to do a job or helping a younger sibling with a task • Working together to tidy up
Compassion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing kindness to someone • Helping someone • Being caring to a household member

I know that this latest lockdown and a return to home learning is incredibly frustrating and disappointing for many of you and your children. Like you, we would much rather have everybody learning in school. However, the safety of our children, parents and staff is paramount. Let's hope that the current measures will allow us to get back to face to face learning for everyone as soon as possible

In the meantime, please be reassured that we are here for you. If there is anything at all that you want to ask that we might be able to help you with, please do not hesitate to contact the teaching teams via Seesaw or you can contact the school office via phone or email.

Sending my best wishes to you all

Mrs Essex

