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Dear Parents

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I hope this note home finds you and your family well. We are living through some very extraordinary times, but if we all follow the Government's advice hopefully things will get back to normal soon.



Members of staff have continued to come into school to take care of children of key workers. We are operating on a rota basis and following social distancing procedures in an effort to keep staff and children as safe from risk as possible. I am so incredibly grateful to them all and the dedication they have shown to the school and all its children.

I hope your child has been making use of the online resources we have sent you, along with all of the teaching resources we have put onto our website. Please use the class blogs – it's an excellent way of your child keeping in touch with their teacher and their class. If you need to get in touch with us, please email – info@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk; Year3@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk; Year4@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk; Year5@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk; Year6@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk; Orchard@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk and one of us will get back to you as soon as we are able.

There are now a host of other resources available, some which I have outlined below:

<p>https://www.twinkl.co.uk/home-learning-hub Twinkl home learning hub with a whole host of resources and home learning videos.</p>	<p>https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/ The Literacy Trust has put together age appropriate ideas and guidance for simple activities to engage your child at home.</p>
<p>https://ed.ted.com/daily_newsletter TED-Ed providing video-based lessons on a daily basis – sign up required.</p>	<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach BBC Teach – a website with thousands for free curriculum-mapped videos, arranged by age-group and subject.</p>

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All the staff at school are missing the children terribly. It feels so strange for all of us not teaching and caring for them. Please keep in touch via the class blog – especially photos so we can see the children and what they've been up to. We're here for parents as well – please contact us if we can help in any way. I think the most important thing for us is that the children are healthy – physically and mentally. The teaching resources are there to help to keep them learning and occupied; some children will get involved, some not as much. Please do what you think is right for your child – don't create unnecessary stress if they don't want to engage in some of the tasks – just encourage as much as you can.

Please stay safe and we hope to see you all again soon.

With kind regards

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