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Dear Parents

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Please refer to the details below in relation to arrangements for the remainder of the academic year.

There will be NO reading books or homework packs sent home for the remainder of the academic year, only the work available from the **Home Learning** area on our school website. Your child's class teacher has uploaded worksheets to be completed in addition to the home learning packs already sent out. Please print and complete all literacy and numeracy worksheets available.

A wide range of online reading material is now available and by clicking on the links in the Home Learning area you will be directed to **Oxford Owl** and **ReadON**, where you can access a range of ebooks. Due to the lack of individual contact between pupils and teachers it is very difficult to set appropriate and beneficial reading material. Please ensure to use the correct capital letters and spacing when using the class log in details for Oxford Owl

Online classrooms are also available. Please refer in particular to **Oak National Academy**. This is an online classroom created by teachers specifically to support pupils' learning at home. Oak is a free website available at www.thenational.academy and is backed by the Department for Education. Online maths, literacy games and activities are available via a range of curriculum links.

If you feel the work is not suitable to your child's ability, please access the uploaded material for the year group above or below eg - If your child finds the work in P5 challenging, access the resources in the P4 area. Alternatively, if you feel the work is not challenging enough in P5 access the resources in the P6 area. If you have any queries relating to classwork please contact your child's teacher via email, their details are available from the Home Learning area on our school website. Please remember to Share your child's home learning activities as this gives the children a great opportunity to see pictures of their classmates.

I understand this is a difficult and worrying time for families however I would like to assure parents that our school will do all we can to bring our school community back together again. Unfortunately, our school has had no direction or effective correspondence from governing bodies and the measures we have put in place to support Home Learning in the short term have been entirely managed by our school. With the uncertainties that lie ahead, and the phased return proposed for the new academic year rest assure that our school will follow governing guidelines when released and that we will strive to bring our school community together once again.

Your Sincerely

Mr M. Meehan (Principal)