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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week. I can imagine that many of you are ready for the weekend after a week's worth of supporting your child(ren) with remote learning and I hope that you all have a lovely, well deserved rest.

I have spent a lot of time this week looking at the activities being set and the work being produced by the children at home on Seesaw and Tapestry. I have been blown away by how much work has been produced and the quality of the work. The vast majority of the children are engaging well and with enthusiasm in their remote learning and they are well-motivated. We are all very proud of how everyone is coping with this difficult situation. Please let your children know how proud we all are of them for showing such hard work, resilience and dedication during this challenging time.

During this period of school closure, we are aiming to keep in touch with all families as we feel very strongly that despite not seeing many of you, we need to know that everyone is OK and if anyone needs our support. The morning zoom call is a really good way for us to keep in touch with everyone, so please ensure that your child attends this and also completes at least some of the tasks on Seesaw/Tapestry each day.

We appreciate that there may seem to be a lot of work posted on Seesaw, however, the expectation this time is different to Lockdown 1.0 and we are expected, by the government, to post much more work for the children. This does **NOT** mean that every single piece of work must be completed and the last thing we want to do is to put too much pressure on families. As ever, please just *do what you can* and do not worry if you cannot get everything done. We are well aware that many parents are trying to juggle remote learning with working from home, which is incredibly difficult.

If your child is struggling with any of the tasks set or you feel they would benefit from extra extension tasks, please contact your child's class teacher via Seesaw or via email. Teachers are scheduling one-to-one Zoom meetings with children who need extra support and input and we are happy to provide extra challenge to anyone who needs it, so please just ask.

I have attached our remote learning guidance, which we sent out some months ago and which has been slightly tweaked. It contains some really useful advice for parents, so please have a read and remember to just do what you can and ask for help if you are struggling.

We are also extremely proud of those children who are coming into school. They are not always being taught by their class teacher and are in different groups to normal and following a different routine. Despite this, we are very pleased with how hard they are working and how well they have adapted. We are working hard to ensure that what is being delivered at school replicates what we are delivering on Seesaw and the staff are working very hard to ensure that all of our children have access to the same

learning. If your child is coming into school and you have any concerns, please do contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, using the usual email address.

I would like to end by thanking all of the wonderful Coleham staff for their amazing hard work and adaptability over the last 2 weeks. We have all had to change the way that we work overnight and, it is fair to say, we are still finding our feet with the new system. As ever, we will keep being reflective and looking for ways to improve our offer to all children and be the best that we can be. Thank you all for your patience and co-operation at this time – it is much appreciated.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Claire Jones

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Head teacher