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## Communication and Twitter

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Dear Parents/Carers,



As we are now coming to the end of our first week of 'home learning' and partial school closure (feels a bit longer than that to me, don't know about you?), I'm beginning to have some reflections on what we have set up and achieved so far. It's been an unprecedented period in my life, and everybody else's! It's been very emotional for all of us and even now it still seems a bit surreal and you can't believe it's all happening.

First of all, can I say thank you for all the positive comments that have come in, it makes a huge difference to us knowing that we are having some positive impact during these difficult times. We've had some great face-to-face conversations and feedback, lots of emails from parents/carers and we've all loved seeing the Tweets that have been continually coming through. We're missing all the children and it's been great to see what they are doing at home.

We've started off the 'home learning' very slowly (!!!) and are taking a step-by-step approach. You know what, at times like this, they just need family time together to be reassured, to know that they are loved and that we will come out of this awful situation. If they want to, the learning is there for them and for you; if you need anything at all, all you've got to do is just ping us an email. You've received a home learning sheet at the end of last week; there should be plenty to keep them going for a while. If you have not had this, please contact your child's class teacher. As well as this, teachers/staff will be starting our 'Contact' programme; this means that they will call at least once a week to have a chat with you and your child. It's just our way of trying to keep those great relationships going. Finally, we're reading all those emails from you, watching the videos you're sending and loving seeing all those Tweets! Phew, what a lot we've achieved in such a short space of time! However, remember, just do what you want to do and enjoy the time together as a family!



Now onto Twitter! If you're not already on Twitter, I'd really suggest you make yourself an account. It's great to see everything that is happening at home and in school. Not only can you see what's going on, but we're also putting on helpful suggestions of activities/experiences that you can do at home. As well as myself, your child's class teacher is checking in with Twitter on a daily basis. Remember, our Twitter handle is @ScarthoJ...there are also lots of different people that you can follow that will provide great home learning experiences and activities.

Whilst it's great to have seen so much on Twitter and received all your emails, it is still just the end of the first week of this home learning and I think it would be good to pause and have a chilled out weekend...parents, carers, children and staff. We've achieved so much together and supported each other so well, that a pause for a few days will give us all time to reflect. With this in mind, over the weekend, I'm saying to teachers that they do not need to check in with emails or Twitter. This will enable everyone to recharge their batteries, rest and be ready for week 2!

Thank you again for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards

*N. Rice*

Mr Rice