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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you are all keeping well.

Currently, our schools are working very hard, developing lots of new home learning opportunities and to ensure that we have given you as much help as possible to do this. In doing this, we are following guidance from the Department of Education regarding limiting the amount of screen time that children have on their digital devices and we are also considering that many of our families are finding it hard to access some resources due to the limited number of computers at home. To do this, we are trying very hard to ensure a balance of home learning that the children can do.

As you know, during this time our schools remain open to key groups of children and our staff are working incredibly hard to support this and also to develop systems for home learning and I know a lot of you really appreciate the amount of work that is being done. Please also remember that we do have a large number of staff that have been affected by Covid 19 who are unable to be in work due to shielding or self-isolation.

As I have said in previous communications, if you are struggling please do use the BBC Red Button which is an extra service from the BBC which provides educational programmes every day throughout the week. Schools will continue to update you regarding home learning over time but in the meantime I just want to thank you all for enabling us to work together during this difficult time.

As always, if you are experiencing any problems that are non medical/non educational, please contact us or alternatively use the Trust's non-medical/non educational support helpline on **07944 224 266**, Monday to Friday 10am-3pm where school staff are on hand to signpost parents to external services and offer help where possible.

I huge thank you to you for working with us together in this and I wish you all as an enjoyable weekend as possible, keeping safe and following government guidelines.

Best wishes,

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