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Dear Parents / Carers,

When the children left school over a week ago, they left armed with packs of learning to keep them busy at home. We are aware that these may be near completion and you may be looking for more to do with your child at home. It is our hope going forward to continue to supply you with a relatively steady stream of learning for your child to tackle at home. We appreciate that we are all finding ourselves needing to deal with unique circumstances and pressures and we do not wish to add to these with a demand for 'homework'. Equally, we know you will be as concerned as we are about the amount of time that your child is having away from the classroom.

In order to be as efficient as possible, we have decided to move to online learning using the app 'Seesaw'. Using the app, teachers will post a daily maths and English learning activity that your child will be able to respond to online. There are opportunities for the teacher to comment upon the learning using a microphone for verbal feedback or by typing written feedback.

Please be assured that there is no pressure to complete these in a hurry, if at all. The app is optional, for there is no legal requirement for you to home educate your child. We just feel that this gives you the option to access a continuous stream of learning, set by your child's teacher, rather than spend considerable time trawling the internet for things to do.

We are currently setting up the app and trialling it with a few families, with the aim of providing you with log in details by the end of the week. We will then use it daily, after the Easter break. Home schooling is incredibly tiring, and it is advised that children do not do more than 1-3 hours of learning a day. The Seesaw app has a function that will allow you to contact your child's teacher if you need any support or if you have any questions about learning and they will be happy to support you.

This is very much 'new territory' for all of us and staff are working incredibly hard to adapt to the challenges faced, just as we are sure you are. We wish both our pupils and their families all the best for the coming weeks and rest assured we are here to support you as best we can.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne MacDonald', written in a cursive style.

Suzanne MacDonald
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