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Dear Parents,

Thank you, well done and let's have a non-screen afternoon going forward.

Thank you for all you are doing at home to support your children with their remote learning. Engagement is much better than last lockdown and the commitment you are showing to ensuring your children keep on track with their learning is fantastic. We all definitely didn't want to be in this position again and I hope that we can return to a more normal reality soon.

There are some parents, only a few though, who are still not fully engaging with the online offer available. The work set on the website and through teams has been put there by the teachers who are working hard to align the level of work with their class's ability in order to move their learning forward. If you are not accessing the learning and carrying out the activities set then your child will fall behind others who are engaging. This comment is not designed to make anyone feel guilty it is just a **fact**. Please try your best to engage with the remote learning as much as you can, especially in the core areas of reading, writing and maths.

If teachers are not having engagement with the work and online lessons please be aware that there is an escalation process - this is:

- teachers contact through dojo or email,
- a teacher phone call,
- a Headteacher email or text
- a Headteacher phone call.
- Further non-engagement would be reported to the Educational Welfare Officer who would then be in touch.

This all feels a little negative but please be assured we only have your child's learning at the forefront of our minds we are not judging individual circumstances in anyway and if we can help we will.

On another note we do recognise that the week can be quite heavy for children and families in terms of screen time, some parents have even been concerned about children having headaches, so from next week we would like to address this by making **Thursday afternoons a non-screen afternoon**. Teachers will post ideas for activities that might be fun to do or as the weather improves it might be time for a family walk or a play in the garden, it might be an afternoon for reading favourite books or playing Monopoly (that would have been my daughter's choice!), it is up to you! If in school we have sports coaches on Thursday afternoon so the children here will take part in outdoor non-screen activities also.

Finally as in 'normal' times we are aware that some children may be ill at times and unable to get work done or the family may be affected by COVID or illness and parents are unable to support children. Please let the



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teacher or office know if this is the case as you would do normally and then we will not be chasing you for non-engagement. We are also expected to report any COVID cases or children in isolation in our area as part of the national collection of data so if you could let us know if you are affected that would be great, through an email is fine.

I hope all of you are keeping safe and well throughout this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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Rachael Williams (Executive Headteacher)



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