27th April 2020

Dear parents/carers,

**Home Learning**

I wanted to write to you and say thank you for the way you have engaged in our Home Learning programme.

It really isn't easy. It is difficult enough if you have one child but the difficulty also increases if you have your own work commitments or if you have more than one child to think about. I have my own experiences of this with my two sons who are both at home and who are being taught daily by myself or Mrs Walker. I have fifteen years of teaching experience and I can promise you that *teaching your own child is a totally different experience from teaching a class or a school full of children*. You have to move from mum/dad to teacher and back again. It is so much more difficult. When I have been at home teaching my sons, it really has tested my patience and led me to question my own ability as a teacher and parent. Give me a school full of somebody else's children to teach anytime!

I want to assure you that the job you are doing is amazing - no matter how much or how little you are managing to do with your child. **Our home learning programmes are optional. We want your child to be doing them, but we also care more about the mental health and well-being of your family.** Do not be too hard on yourselves. Do not over stretch yourselves. Most of all, talk to us if you are having any problems. Email your child's teacher and they will be happy to call you back. Contact the school office and I will be happy to call you back. We will be happy to talk to you, talk to your child, set up different ways of doing things that work for you and your family and takes the pressure off of you at this challenging time.

Once again, thank you. Please take some time to look at what you have managed to achieve over the past few weeks. You are incredible and you have my admiration and respect.

Yours sincerely

Mr S K Walker  
Head Teacher