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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to send my good wishes to you at this very trying time for us all. The former British Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881), recognised as much when he said, "Seeing much, suffering much, and studying much, are the three pillars of education."

We are now coming towards the end of the first week of learning at home and we are all learning a lot from the experience. I am grateful for your support in helping your children engage with the learning materials that staff have diligently prepared. Most pupils are working through this in an efficient manner. However not all will have transitioned to home working equally well and it is important that we temper our expectations when this is the case. I would encourage the development of a weekday routine. Start early and take a rounded approach to each day. Include different elements by taking into account traditional study using the home learning resources, physical education (Joe Wicks is all the rage), time for mental health and well-being and individual space where this allows and getting some fresh air.

The ingredients are different for each of us but one of the successes of school life is structure and whilst this can't be replicated fully at home, children do benefit from it. We are all adjusting to this new working pattern. If you have any serious concerns about the well-being of your child and would like to discuss this with us, please contact school using the enquiry email address.

With the news today of our Prime Minister Boris Johnson contracting COVID-19, it is a reminder we must all continue to follow Public Health England guidelines in maintaining strict hygiene, handwashing and social distancing.

Stay Safe. Stay well.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Singh
Headteacher