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Dear families,

As parents endeavouring to home school in conjunction with looking after babies or toddlers, home schooling more than one primary aged child, trying to keep secondary aged children engaged, working from home, working from the office, caring for relatives and/or so much more - you are amazing!!!

The engagement with home learning has been astounding so thank you and well done! We hope our key message of making it work for you is supportive and continues to help alleviate a little of the pressure that we know can be felt. The staff at school are always sharing the children's accomplishments and talking about how well everyone is doing. Listening to their excitement about the learning going on at home certainly helps to brighten the situation we all find ourselves in.

TEAMS meetings are being scheduled for next week and the staff are very much looking forward to seeing your children again. Another thank you must be shared for being patient with us as we worked through our technical difficulties.

Regarding TEAMS, we hope to send out a short questionnaire at the end of next week for feedback and we will also be sending out a questionnaire for feedback on home learning so far.

To the children, each and every one of you is a superstar!!!! All we ask is that you keep trying your best and everyone around you will be so proud of you.

Your grown-ups at school are ready to answer any questions you have so remember to pop them on Seesaw or Tapestry and we will be there to help as soon as we can.

To parents and carers: We would also like to reassure you that after the disruption of last summer, since arriving back at school in September, the children have been phenomenal. Their desire to be at school, attitude to learning and your support ensured that they have each made fabulous progress achieving both socially and academically. They have risen to every challenge set by the staff, consolidated learning and moved forwards. We know that they will do this again when we all return together.

In terms of dates, we are half way through the first part of the spring term; every day from now moves us closer to the half term and hopefully one step closer to schools reopening to all. Please stay in touch with us via the online learning or by contacting school. We are here to support.

Rebecca Turner

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