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Week 6

Dear parents and children

Teachers are busy this morning sending your child's annual report by email. If you have not received this by mid afternoon please email office@haydonleighschool.co.uk as this would indicate that your records are not up to date. Any reports that need to be resent will be processed on Monday 4th May.

Any questions that you have regarding your child's report will be answered on our return to school. The report takes your child to the end of term 4 2020. Given the current circumstances the level at which your child is working when we return to school may have changed – as I have said in previous letters, please trust that the school will work tirelessly once we are fully open to ensure that each child reaches their potential.

I feel I must begin to manage your expectations in regard to school becoming more fully open. I have no more information than you at present. I listened to the Prime Minister yesterday as he included schools in the list of areas he would give further detail to next week.

I have looked at classrooms and considered social distancing. At best, giving 2 metres distance between desks I can accommodate 10 children per room. This is as far as I have thought about any further opening as we simply do not know what further guidance or rules will be set.

I also have staff that are shielding and many staff that have their own children on our registers. Until I have more detail, I am unable to look at rotas etc but I give you an obvious heads up that for a school of our size, the logistics of any operation are going to be complicated and take time to work out and implement.

When the Government announce any plans please understand that we will do our very best to act on them and communicate with you as promptly as we can.

In other news – parents of children in year 5, booked to go to PGL in September have been written to explaining the status of our booking.

Again, to manage your expectations, it is very unlikely that children currently in year 4 will attend PGL in 2021 as planned. This is as much about us considering the financial pressures families may face in the future but also we would need to secure this booking now, with deposits... I don't know about you, but I am certainly not looking to give any travel company my money in these uncertain times.

Again, once we are back to some semblance of normality, we will look at other options.

As we move into week 7, I appreciate that you are now further in uncharted territory – the longest school holiday is 6 weeks. We continue to signpost you to resources to engage with at home.

On our website we initially provided links to 7 learning packs per year group. This has been supplemented with regular updates through Facebook, Twitter etc directing you to a whole host of useful websites and ideas.

I absolutely recommend Oak Academy – we use this in school with key worker children.

Please share this paragraph with your child(ren)

A message from Mrs Billinge – Hello to all my Haydonleigh Heros! You are doing a fantastic job to help our country deal with this virus. By staying at home you are helping to stop the spread of germs. I know it must be difficult and you are missing your friends (and hopefully your teachers!!) we miss you all too.

School is such a strange and quiet place without you all, running around the playground, lining up for lunch and learning quietly in your class rooms...

Whilst I know that it's tricky being at home, it is important that you listen to your parents. The work that you are doing at home is very different to school, but you must do the things that you are asked to do. When you come back to school, it is important that you have kept up with your reading, spellings and number skills. There are lots of ideas on the school website that your parents can look at with you too – I can't wait to hear about all the things you have done.

Stay safe, listen to your parents and remember the Haydonleigh rules apply at home too!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billinge".

Frances Billinge
Head teacher

Stay safe:stay at home