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Dear Parents/Carers,

When teachers have been talking to parents over the last few weeks, parents have been saying that they are worried about remote learning and their child's progress. I just felt that I needed to write to you all and share some things that I hope will ease your minds...

1. We understand- it is so hard at home to keep your children going, especially when you and they feel fed up with the situation. We all understand that as lockdown goes on it gets harder and harder for everyone.
2. Just do the best you can. Over time anything you can do to help your child will help us. We are so grateful to you for sticking with it. When there are days when it's hard, its ok- teachers have hard days too!
3. Please try not to worry when you hear the 'falling behind' narrative that will get louder in the media over the next few weeks. Every child in every school up and down the land has been effected by the pandemic, and when things return to 'normal' we will all work so hard to fix it. Like all schools will.
4. We have 15 days until half term- let's try and take it a day at a time. We will all have up days and down days. When your child has a down day don't be afraid to let school know- we are here to help.
5. For me it matters more that your child remains happy and feels supported. Sometimes the key to doing well in school is how happy and content a pupil is. Actually- this matters more than perhaps we realise.
6. Young people are amazing. They are resilient, they can and will adapt.
7. Most of all (and this is very important) THIS WILL PASS...and when it does we will get back on with the business of educating your children face to face. But right now? We do the best we can. We are in this together - but sometimes together doesn't mean being in the same place.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can support you in any way - go out and enjoy the snow, have hot chocolate and biscuits and most of all be kind to yourself!

Kind regards,

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