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Dear Parents,

We have now come to the end of the first full week of lockdown and hope that your families are remaining well.

School is so different at the moment and we are trying our very best, to support you all, whether your child is attending school or learning from home. For me, it was lovely to speak to some children this week when I made a number of welfare calls.

Thank you for all your comments about Google Classroom about and for submitting pupils' work. We have been impressed by the work the children are completing at home. Teachers have indicated in the task's descriptions, when they want specific pieces of work to be returned to be marked in detail but are happy to review any work that is returned. However, we are asking that the work is returned in the week that it is posted as it will not be marked in detail if returned after this. Some tasks such as morning maths when returned, will inform the teachers' future planning. Mrs Leese will be compiling another guide for children and parents on how to access the teachers' comments when work is returned to them. Please remember that any comments posted in the class comments box will be seen by all, so if a child or parent want to make a comments or ask a question that is private or sensitive, then please post this in the private comments box. Teachers have been learning to record short explanations for lessons and we hope the children find these useful. I have recorded a collective worship which can be located in the Collective Worship section. Rev Richard Curtis has kindly recorded a worship for us as well.

We have been very fortunate to receive a extremely kind donation of 20 tablets from a local company together with 5 devices sourced through the DFE's "Get Help with Technology" scheme. So, if your family would like to be considered for any of these tablets, please complete the questionnaire which can be located on the school website. You can use the same questionnaire to request support for increased data, which is another DFE scheme which you might have read about in the media this week.

If you require any additional support, then please ask us and we will try to help you.

Please keep safe in these very unusual times

With kind regards,

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Mrs CE Talbot
Head Teacher

