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Dear parents and carers,

This has been another challenging week for all of us, yet our Learning Family continue to amaze us. Our wi-fi free Wednesday afternoon sessions are proving to be a big hit with our families and enables children to take a break from the screens mid-week.

Looking through our platforms, I am so encouraged to see regular practice of the basic skills of reading and number across the whole school. Examples across the school include a year group TT Rockstar 'battle' in Years 5 and 6, RWI daily sessions in EYFS and KS1 and work on the novel 'Flat Stanley' (a childhood favourite of my own) in Years 3 and 4. Every day, I am astounded at the level of support our families and teachers are putting into the remote learning offer and I only wish I could 'Give parents a pay-rise' as one KS1 parent joked this week!

Next Friday is a planned INSET day. It has been decided that the most appropriate use of time would be a personal check-in, from a familiar adult, with the children who have been remote learning full time from home via phone. We feel that it is vitally important that these children have this connection with school.

Our teaching team will organise a quick phone call (5 minutes) where they will have a quick check-in with the child. The focus will be well-being and to celebrate successes of remote learning and for the child to ask the teacher any questions.

Teachers will also set some independent activities for pupils to complete this day via the normal platforms, however there will be no live teaching this day.

As staff will have many phone calls to make, please ensure that phone calls are limited to the focus. Other queries can be raised through the normal communication channels. If your child has accessed school this half term, the teaching team will have had regular contact with children regarding well-being and learning, so calls will **not** be made for these pupils. This does not replace a parent consultation and this is not the purpose.

Please note that staff may call from a 'with-held' number or 'no caller id' and will be





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using the primary contact held within the school's information management system. If you have recently changed your number, please check this with your school office. Calls will take place between the hours of 9:00 and 3:30.

I hope that you are managing in these difficult times. The success of the vaccination programme and the public's resolve in lockdown seems to be having the desired effect on transmission rates and we share the vision of the government to fully open schools first. We are hoping, like you, that the government's published timeline to start to re-open schools on 8th March is achievable and that after half term I will be writing to you to prepare for all of our children to be back in school with their friends and teachers soon.

Keep sharing your home learning images and videos with us; they make us smile!
Mr R Osborne

