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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are thrilled to see a fantastic engagement with our home learning package for the children. This is down to the hard work and commitment of you; all our federation families. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you and well done to you all, as you are really supporting your children well in these unprecedented times. I have had a few conversations with some families this week and know that there are so many different challenges and pressures you are facing and we can all understand your worries and concerns. Many of the staff are parents too and share those same worries and concerns. That said, we have also been through the experience of the children coming back after a long period of time and we could see how the tenacity and resilience of your young children helped them to bounce back and thrive and flourish in the Autumn term.

We are regularly reviewing things, so any changes will be discussed with teachers and introduced in a manageable way. We are trying to meet the needs of so many different learning circumstances for children and families; we recognise that this situation is so extremely challenging for you all and you are all experiencing different situations. Our teachers are committed to ensuring the best provision possible in these difficult times. The delivery of learning is through a mixture of medium- live sessions, pre-recorded video (including the White Rose Maths videos which support our Maths scheme of work in schools) and through packs to support home learning or set through Dojo. Clearly the most ideal way to be teaching the children at the moment would be to have children back in the classroom and we hope that this will be possible in the later part of next half term. We had been thrilled with the accelerated progress that we had seen in the Autumn term, so have been encouraged to see the children interacting with the sessions from home in the best way that we can.

Teachers are working incredibly hard to meet the needs of our mixed age classes whilst moving learning on at the same time. There will be times when your child gets frustrated with their learning. It may even happen more frequently with the added pressure of not being able to get out and about freely and with missing friends and so on. Take time to respond to your child's needs



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and if you need help with explaining something in another way to your child, please get in touch with the class teacher/ teaching assistant. I have attached a sheet that will help to break things down into manageable chunks for your children and help to focus to make things achievable, if this is of any use. If you would like paper copies, please let your class teacher know and they can sort them for collection.

Information of our online learning can be found on our school website at:

<https://www.heritagecoastfederation.co.uk/w3/admin/kcfinder/upload/files/COVID19/Federation%20Home%20Learning%20Offer%202021.pdf>

### Home learning survey

To support our regular reviews of home learning, we would appreciate it if you could complete the survey that we have set up. The survey can be found at the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCeeuL43C115GZ\\_FiMDKLITfoAtRQbZ1\\_sAIErhC10EDFoKQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCeeuL43C115GZ_FiMDKLITfoAtRQbZ1_sAIErhC10EDFoKQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Please complete the survey by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February so that we can feed the results into our end of half term review.

### Critical workers

Thank you to you all for trying to keep children home wherever possible. As a reminder, the government advice states “Children and young people are eligible to attend school or college if: at least one parent or carer is a critical worker, and they can’t keep their child at home. Critical workers are those whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID19) and EU transition response”.

Our situation remains the same and if your family has one key worker parent and another adult is available at home, your child should not be attending school. This is to reduce the spread of the virus and to keep the school community, pupils and staff as safe as possible.



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We request that if your child is in school for a key worker placement, your shift rota is shared with your class teacher to support us with staffing. We are looking at ways to support the sessions/ videos that can be used to support learning at home too and it will allow staff to plan their recording sessions accordingly around the need for the children's places in school. Thank you for your support.

**Online Safety**

Children have had regular lessons about e-safety in school and how they can keep safe when online. They may recall sessions they have had with our local PCSO too. Please take regular opportunities to remind your child about how to keep safe, to support this extra time that they will be spending online. If you need any further help with this, you can use the following webpages:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/looking-for-kidsmart>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

If we can help in any way, please just get in touch. We have issued information about apps and games before and can send this information again if it would be useful.

Once again, thank you! These times are testing all of us in so many ways, but positivity will always shine through. Your many messages of support and kindness have meant so much to the staff and have kept them going. Have a very restful weekend with some precious family fun.

Kind regards,

*C Barber*

Mrs C Barber- Headteacher