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Dear Parents/Carers

May I firstly thank everyone for the positive attitudes and typical Blackboys School fortitude over the previous 2 weeks. When making contact with families, it has been really heartening to know that everyone is taking their home learning seriously and that everyone is doing their best to keep fit and healthy. It is great to see so many being engaging with our school twitter account and our new school YouTube channel. Thank you to the school community for being the best we can all be and for living life in all its fullness, even when isolated!

Tomorrow, Friday 3rd April, was designed to be an INSET day for staff training. Staff will be working on online training material, while the school will still be open for keyworker pupils. Instead of formal home learning, teachers will be signposting children and families to some Easter craft which will make for a happy, productive end to Term 4. Easter craft ideas will be shared in the same way as regular home learning, on the class pages of the school website.

Over the last 2 days we have conducted staff meetings via 'Zoom Video Conferencing' to discuss the continuation of home learning for term 5. When schools were closed on Friday 20th March, it was for an undetermined period, and so we need to be prepared for a longer period of home learning to take place until the government advise otherwise. Staff have discussed ways of introducing new learning and new topics to the pupils, as we attempt to keep to our school curriculum. As has happened in the past 2 weeks, once the Easter break has finished, work will once more be placed on the class pages of the school website. This will be from Monday 20th April. We also hope to hold remote access class planning meetings for parents. Our aim will remain to continue normal expectations as well as we possibly can.

At the end of the school day tomorrow, you will receive an email from the office containing some ideas for the usual holiday pre-learning tasks, which we invite children to do before a new topic starts. Teachers would welcome any photos or pre-learning work sent to them via email.

Should children have finished their home learning exercise books, and no paper or notebooks are available at home, please contact the school office, or myself and we will do our best to deliver a replacement for you.

Families are very welcome to email teachers with pictures or examples of children's work. It is a great way to keep in touch and receive some feedback from teachers. However this is not compulsory and at no stage do we want families to feel under pressure. It is a nice thing to do should you want to.

We would like to wish all families a Happy Easter and encourage everyone to be kind, be supportive and be encouraging with each other as the national response to Covid-19 continues.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Sullivan
Headteacher