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Dear Parents,

As I type this letter we are at the end of week 12 of lockdown. There have been and continue to be, many adjustments that we are all making in our lives at home and those relating to school. Since the start of lockdown we have been providing Educare for front line key medical/police workers using all 3 Y2 classrooms, teachers, teaching assistants meal time supervisors offering Educare across both the Easter break and the half term break.

In addition to this we are now using all our Y1 and Early Years classes, teachers, teaching assistants and MTAs to support Early Years and Y1 children for a 1 day learning experience in 'learning bubbles'. I would like to thank all parents who have complied with all the safety arrangements, staggered starts and finishes and for the preparations that you have made with your children to enable them to socially distance and keep safe in school. The children have coped admirably with the significant changes in school and have been following the same learning that has been posted on the school website. These arrangements will continue until near the end of term for Early Years and Y1 and right until the end of term for Educare.

I am planning video goodbyes and transitions for all our current year groups but would also like to give Y2 (in groups of 6) the opportunity to come into school for one session in the last week of term to say goodbye to their teacher and to have a social opportunity with a few friends. This may sound like a simple idea but the logistics are significant as Y2 staff are currently teaching in Educare. I would also need to free up Early Years and Y1 classrooms to enable this to happen. I will send out information as soon as I have safe workable plans as bringing in the Y2 children will impact on the Early Years and Y1 children's one day opportunity in the last week.

Home learning opportunities are still appearing weekly on the website giving lots of guidance on reading, writing and maths activities as well as opportunities to work scientifically and creatively. Please also make use of the online resource suggestions such as White Rose Maths and the Oak National Academy as well as BBC Bitesize. Staff continue to send a letter each week to their class so please read it to your child and encourage them to send a piece of their home learning or a message to their teacher on a weekly basis. If you are struggling to keep up (we are on week 10), please complete each week in sequence and then continue over the summer so that children come back into school without too many gaps in their learning. Staff will be providing some guidance for children and parents on what learning, ideally, needs to be in place for September. Miss Jackson will shortly be in contact with Y2 parents to arrange transition opportunities just as I am in contact with parents whose children start at Hyde Park Infant School in September 2020.

I would like to conclude my letter by sending encouragement to the children to keep up with their learning and to parents, who are juggling work, home and many other issues, encouragement for



you too. There are days when it all seems overwhelming and it is best to focus on trying to achieve a few things well and to try and make time to appreciate some of the kind actions that people display, kind words said, the beauty of the natural world or that special time shared with someone special.

I believe it is going to be a rather wet weekend so I hope you find lots of pleasurable moments whether it is splashing in puddles, reading a book indoors in the dry or having fun baking and making.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs E A Hill
Head Teacher

