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Dear Parents,

Following a request from a parent, the home learning packages will be made available on Saturday rather than Sunday so that it gives you more time to prepare the learning for the week for your child. You will often hear on the news that children who do not engage with the learning packages will fall further and further behind and find it difficult to access learning when they resume school in September. There has been a recent government announcement to pay for 'catch up' tutors but, in examining the smallprint, it is not available for Reception children and our Y1 and Y2 children are unlikely to qualify. If I hear more, I will let you know.

I know that many of our families are supporting their child to engage with learning and are juggling all the other commitments to accommodate home learning. Teachers are very happy to receive a weekly update from you and your child with their 'best' effort so do please engage with that opportunity. If your child is struggling to engage, please persevere and work through the learning activities in order paying particular attention to phonics and maths. Children always benefit from hearing lots of stories and it can be great fun to make up story books of your own based on family members and experiences. Making up a simple story or fact book with one or more sentences per page and some illustrations or photographs would make an excellent project which would have so many beneficial spin offs. I do hope that our Hyde Park families rise to the challenge and create a simple story/fact book over the next few days.

Educare is full and will continue until the end of term with 17th July being the last day for Educare. Reception and Y1 children will continue their one day learning in school opportunity until the week ending 10th July.

Y2 children are now being invited for a farewell opportunity with their teacher and teaching assistant for one session during the week beginning 13th July. Information will be emailed separately and next week for Y2 so that we can book all children in for one session when they will be able to see up to 5 of their friends. The teachers will arrange groups and days/times once we know how many will be coming. I would like to reiterate that full safety measures will be in place with 2m social distancing, hand washing and great attention paid to the safety of all who attend. The children will be accommodated in Reception and Y1 classrooms when they visit. Full safety guidance will be sent to you prior to the visit and if, on the day of the visit, your child is unwell in any way, please do not send them into school.



Plans for opening the whole school are currently many and fluid as we don't yet know how many children we will be allowed to accommodate in school at any one time. If we are back to 'normal' school will open on Thursday 3rd September for Y1 and Y2 pupils and on Monday 14th September for Reception pupils following an induction for children and parents in small groups in the week prior. I will keep you updated this term and into the holiday so that you can make the appropriate plans.

You will be aware that we were recently awarded the Healthy Child Quality Mark and we have been sent a link that may be of interest to you as parents.

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

This link has ideas for eating well including recipes, ideas for 'moving more' 'stressing less' and to stop smoking as well as some NHS Health Checks.

On behalf of myself and my staff, can I thank the many parents who have emailed or spoken to us about their appreciation of the efforts that we are making. Thank you.

Kind regards



Mrs E.A.Hill

