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Dear Hyde Park Parents,

Please continue to look on the school website as staff are working hard to put more guidance together for you so that you can help your child to 'keep' up academically so that, when they return to school, they are in a strong position. The guidance can be found in the NEWS section followed by OTHER NEWS. Although there are still plenty of ideas to follow on my original letter, additional guidance has already been posted for Foundation and Year One children with further guidance being posted for the Year Two children by the weekend.

In school we are providing an emergency care programme for children whose parents are both medical workers directly connected with fighting against this Covid-19 virus. Staff have all volunteered and are running rotas of support throughout the Easter holiday and beyond. I am very grateful to all the staff (teachers, teaching assistants, admin., cleaning/caretaking and catering staff) who are providing this emergency support. It is looking as though we will be needing to work in this fashion for many months. School is not as the children remember it with surfaces and equipment being frequently wiped, strict 2m distance being observed, no playing together unless they are siblings and an awful lot of hand washing. We cannot meet collectively but are having fun, at a distance, joining in with online keep fit activities, as I suspect you are too, and getting out onto the Orchard Playground and into the Cabin of Creativity.

It is a challenging time for us all but I hope that you are finding ways to set up routines in the day that make things more manageable. I do hope that you are all able to keep safe and well. The next letter will be written by Mrs Razey who will be on the rota next week.



Head Teacher's Challenge

I would like to challenge the children to write a poem or a list of words of things that they can see out of a window that move. For example, *I can see a hairy spider crawling along the windowledge or a truck zooming along the road.*

I am happy to receive entries via e-mail that will need to include the name of your child and the class. Clearly this could be a joint effort with any family member in the household and I will publish some of the best entries on the school website.

Kind regards to you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E.A. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Mrs E A Hill
Head Teacher