



HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a restful weekend.

It was a shame that we had to start the term in such an uncertain and disrupted manner. However, it has been really heartening to see our school community pulling together for the sake of our children and we have certainly been lifted by all of your kind messages of support.

I am so proud and grateful to the staff for all of their hard work and commitment. Last week was a huge struggle for everyone, particularly in having to set up remote learning so quickly, whilst also organising safe in-school provision for many children. It has been really encouraging to see the vast majority of children engaged with the online learning and with the wonderful range of creative responses to tasks set. We all greatly appreciate your support at home and recognise what a huge challenge it is to balance remote learning with all the other demands that each day brings.

We are doing our best to try to make activities accessible and to provide lessons and tasks that can be worked on fairly independently and that don't always require the children to be continually logged on to a device or computer. We recognise that there may not be enough technology in the home to enable everyone to be using a device at the same time and we hope that by providing a whole day of learning, at the beginning of each day, you will have the flexibility to organise learning and resources to best suit your own circumstances.

The Government have made it very clear that ALL children must continue to be educated at this time, so please ensure that your child is doing the work set by their teacher. You must let us know if you are having any difficulties with home learning, so that we are aware of your circumstances and can provide you with support. We have a duty to ensure that our children are safe and being educated, and will therefore be contacting parents whose children do not appear to be engaging with home learning.

Hopefully, things will be a little more settled over the next few weeks and we can focus on moving our children forward in their education.

Yours sincerely

Mr Minter
Head Teacher